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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-14320)

8/17/71

SAC, NEW YORK (105-75111)

VITALIY LVOVICH BELOBORODKO aka
Viktor
IS - R (RADIO MOSCOW)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding captioned subject. Copies are enclosed for Bufiles on VORONIN and SEEGER and for informant's file.

The source referred to in the LHM is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA JAMES B. DAVIDSON on 8/16/71. Informant advised that although he had met VORONIN before, he did not know his name and the identification of VORONIN was made from a photo.

The LHM is classified "Confidential" as it reflects investigation of a Soviet national the delicate nature of which requires State Department clearance.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

August 17, 1971

Vitaliy Lvovich Beloborodko

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, supplied information set forth below regarding Vitaliy Lvovich Beloborodko and Aleksey V. Voronin.

Vitaliy Lvovich Beloborodko is a Soviet national assigned to New York City as a correspondent for Moscow Television and Radio. Based upon available information and/or his activities, he is suspected of being connected with the Soviet Intelligence Services.

Aleksey V. Voronin is a Soviet national assigned to New York City as a correspondent for Tass News Agency, the official Soviet news gathering agency.

The source advised that he observed the above two Soviets on the evening of August 6, 1971, in the Times Square area of New York City. They were covering a peace rally being conducted on the anniversary of the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

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Vitaliy Lvovich Beloborodko

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[REDACTED]
The source stated that the only interview he saw conducted was between Beloborodko and Pete Seegar, well known folk singer, who is active in the peace movement.

Following the rally in Times Square, the demonstrators proceeded to march to Central Park, however, the Soviets were not observed to follow this activity.

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News Around the Dials**Seeger a Cash Guest**

By VAL ADAMS

Pete Seeger, the folk singer barred from an ABC-TV program in 1963 because he refused to sign a loyalty affidavit, will be a guest on the network's Johnny Cash Show on Wednesday, March 4, at 9 p.m.

For the Cash show, taped last Thursday in Nashville, Tenn., Seeger sang "Worried Man's Blues" and another song about the plight of the American Indians in the 1830s. There were no songs of social protests or political beliefs.

Cash had wanted to present Seeger on his show last summer, but ABC refused permission, according to Cash. In a personality piece about the country music singer published in The New York Sunday News on Feb. 1, Cash was quoted as saying: "I wanted Pete on my program, and still don't understand why they didn't permit it."

Stan Jacobson, a co-producer of the Cash Show, said yesterday there was "never any problem" in booking Seeger this season. Even so, the ABC announcement about Seeger's appearance referred to him as "controversial."

"The controversial folk scholar," said a paragraph in the press release, "once was given a prison sentence (later rescinded) because he cited the First Amendment which guarantees freedom of speech and association rather than to discuss his political beliefs."

In 1955 Seeger refused to answer questions posed by a Congressional committee that was checking on Communist infiltration of the entertainment field. He was convicted of contempt of Congress, but the United States Court of Appeals reversed the decision.

Seeger was barred from an ABC-TV show entitled Hootenanny in 1963 because he would not furnish a "sworn affidavit as to his past and present affiliations."

Talent contracts between CBS and Lucille Ball and Ed Sullivan expire at the end of the 1970-71 television season. . . . CBS-TV, which announced it will retain To Rome With Love and switch it to Tuesday evening next fall, will make changes in the show to try to attract more viewers. One change is likely to be a cast addition of Walter Brennan.



Walter Brennan



Pete Seeger

over ABC-TV on March 5, suffer the same fate as Paulsen did on "The Return of the Smothers Brothers" over NBC-TV? On the NBC special, Paulsen in initial planning was to be a guest and at the end of the show, Tom Smothers thanked him for his appearance although Pat never appeared.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 28, 1951

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was: Pete Seeger, Peter Bowers
SECURITY MATTER - C

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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME PETER SEEGER

ALIASES Pete Seeger, Peter Bowers

RACE W SEX M NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED APR ALIEN 12 07 PM '51

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB

DATE OF BIRTH May 5, 1919 PLACE OF BIRTH New York City

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Route 9, Beacon, New York

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Weavers-Cromwell Music Company, 129 West 52nd Street, New York City

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.

G2-SOD 201

9 January 1951

TO: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: Liaison Officer
FROM: Chief, Operations Branch, Security & Training Division
SUBJECT: SEEGER, Peter

A review of the appropriate records of The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, revealed that the individual described below has no current military status:

NAME: SEEGER, Peter

ASN: 34335466

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 May 1919

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City, N Y

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 129 Mac Dougal St., New York, NY

DATE OF DISCHARGE: 14 Dec 1945

ALLEGATION: CPS

SOURCE: 5th Army

Information on the allegation is ~~not~~ reflected in the files of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army.

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SAC, New York

November 24, 1950

Director, FBI

PETE SEEGER

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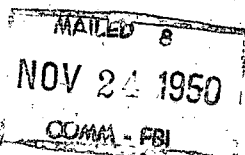
Attached are photostatic copies of communications from Military Intelligence, Washington, D. C. dated April 26, 1943, May 21, 1943, May 27, 1943, June 25, 1943, July 2, 1943, August 2, 1943 and September 4, 1943, with enclosures.

Also attached is a photostatic copy of a clipping from the New York Daily Compass dated September 20, 1950, page 19.

In view of the allegations concerning the captioned individual's Communist sympathies, you are requested to conduct an investigation relative to his activities. Thereafter you should consider whether a Security Index card should be recommended.

Attachments

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 8, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: RE: **PETE SEEGER**
(SINGER) (LOUIS BUDENZ 400)
SECURITY MATTER - C

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, formerly managing editor of the "Daily Worker" and a Communist Party functionary until he broke with the Party in October, 1945 has been interviewed during the past few months concerning the concealed Communists whom he knew. The person named above as the subject of this case, was one of those individuals whom BUDENZ described as a concealed Communist. BUDENZ describes a concealed Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party.

BUDENZ advised SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR. on June 30, 1950, of all he knew concerning the subject, that he felt was pertinent, and he dictated this information to a stenographer of this office, who was present during the interview.

He used, in order to bring out all he knew about the subject, the following set of questions. He considered all questions in connection with this subject. Where he did not comment on some particular question as to the activity of the subject, then it is because he had no knowledge. If he recalled anything about the subject as a result of these questions he dictated what he knew. The questions are as follows:

1. Identify individual
 - a. If observed a description and other identifying data;
 - b. If not seen, enough descriptive data about individual to positively identify him or her;
 - c. Any aliases
2. Narrate how he knows individual as a Communist
 - a. If seen at a closed meeting, get date, place and persons present at meeting;
 - b. If told officially that individual was a Communist, who said it, what were the circumstances, and who was present;
 - c. Relate all occasions when he met or heard of individual as Communist.
3. Documents
 - a. Did individual ever write anything that might be considered Communist literature.
 1. For "Daily Worker", "New Masses", "Political Affairs", any any front publications or other publications.

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4 Fronts

Was individual active in front organizations.

- a. Which organizations
- b. How active was individual

5. Espionage

Was individual ever involved in secret work;

What work;

Who knew it;

Did individual ever do any special work for party.

6. Is individual still active or sympathetic toward Party.
7. Can you recall any trips abroad particularly to Russia and the approximate date of the trips? Can you recall the nature of the trips.
8. Did you ever hear that he had attended any of the training schools in Russia?
9. Did this subject appear to have entree to the Russian Consulate or did he receive special consideration and attention from known Russian Agents or Communist Officials in U.S.?
10. Is the subject working for the U.S. Government or is he affiliated in any way in Confidential Government work at this time?
11. Did this individual have military training, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, U.S. Army, other service?
12. Was this individual employed in vital industry?
13. Do you know any other members of his family who are Communists?
14. Do you know of any other activity on the part of the individual which would indicate that the individual is a concealed Communist?

Additional questions were asked as a result of his answers to the above questions in order to fully develop his information.

Letter to Director

Attached is a blind memorandum dictated by LOUIS F. BUDENZ and containing all the pertinent information concerning the subject which BUDENZ could presently recollect.

The original of each memo has been reviewed by Mr. BUDENZ and he has made any necessary corrections and he has signed the original. The signed original of each memo is being retained in the confidential informant file of LOUIS F. BUDENZ, NY file 62-8988.

Since the individuals such as the subject of this case are, according to BUDENZ, concealed Communists and since they are, in most instances, persons of some prominence, it is suggested that if the information appearing in the attached blind memo is reported, then Mr. BUDENZ should be given a temporary confidential informant symbol.

For the information of the Bureau the subject is one of the 400 concealed Communists whom BUDENZ stated he knew. The names of these concealed Communists were sent to the Bureau in the case captioned "Communist Party, USA, Internal Security - C".

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Folk singer.

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(SINGER)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

SEP 4 1943

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L. R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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File No. I-610-710ms IV-51520ms
Date 4 August 1948

Subject: SEEGAR, Peter, Pvt.,
ASN 54355486,
2nd Academic Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Investigation requested by P.I.O., Keesler Field, Miss.
Office of origin Dir., MID, Hq., 8th Service Command
Report made at Keesler Field, Mississippi
Report made by Fred H. Shan, 1st Lt., A.C., Asst. PIO
Period covered 25 March 1943 to 2 August 1943
Character of investigation Disaffection

Status of Case ROC
Since investigation is PENDING,
Military Intelligence Division
makes no recommendation at this
time.

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

Potential subversion under W.D. letter dated 9 November 1943, File AG 014.511 (11-8-43) OS-S-3-2, Subject "Disposition of Potentially Subversive Personnel".

Subject wrote letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, citizens or not, after the war, and barring all Japanese descendants from citizenship.

DETAILS:

Fourteen-point Topic Outline: (All points covered in CI-R1 Report, this office, submitted 25 March 1943, are omitted herein.)

1. Personal Data:

See CI-R1 Report dated 25 March 1943.
Marital Status: Married (MEMO A)

2. Family Data:

See CI-R1 Report dated 25 March 1943.
Wife: Toshie Ohta Seegar, Biloxi, Miss.

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G-2 Military History:

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1924-1932, Grammar School, Spring Hill, Conn., graduated. (MEMO B)
1932-1936, High School, Avon Old Farm, Avon, Conn. (MEMO C)
1936-1938, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., non-graduate. (MEMO D)

Transferred, in grade, from Keesler Field, Miss. to Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas, pursuant to Paragraph 56, Special Orders 211, Headquarters, Keesler Field, Miss., dated 30 July 1943.

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FORWARDED,

MID, Washington, D. C.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

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STACY KNOFF

Colonel, G. S. C.

Director

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DETAILS: (continued)

9. Organizations:

See CI-R1 dated 25 March 1943.
Harvard Student Union (MEMO E)
Almanac Singers (MEMOS P, G, J, S)
Youth Workshop, 44 W. 18th St., New York, N.Y.,
an organization affiliated with American Youth
Congress. (MEMO G)

12. Acquaintances:

Pvt. Morton Dimmdstein, ASN 32628009, Hq Btry.
387th F.A. Bn., APO 104, Camp Adair, Oregon. (MEMO G)
Miss Dorcas Bishop, Librarian, Harvard Graduate
School of Education, Cambridge, Mass. (MEMO H)
Edward Steele, 1904 Meridian St., Nashville, Tenn.
(MEMO I)
William F. Pannobaker, 1334 State St., New Orleans,
La. (MEMO I)
George Nishikawa, 336 East 116 St., New York, N.Y.
(MEMO I)
Mrs. L. Gilbreath, 5521 Cass Ave., Detroit, Mich.
(MEMO J)
T. Leonard Mikules, 419 4th St., N.W., Washington,
D.C. (MEMO K)
John G. Gordon, Jr., New York Public Library,
New York, N.Y. (MEMO K)
Mr. Julian Dercovici, 5757 Second Blvd., Detroit,
Mich. (MEMOS L, M, N, O, P)
2nd Lt. Alan Swartz, A.C., Mitchell Field, Gudahy,
Wis. (MEMO T)

14. Police Record:

The O.N.I. and F.B.I. at Bridgeport, Conn., New
Haven, Conn., and Boston, Mass. had no record
pertaining to Subject. (MEMOS Q & R) The F.B.I.
record on Subject at Detroit, Mich. shows him as
member of Almanac Singers, an organization possibly
supported by Communist party. (MEMO S)

ADVERSE INFORMATION:

1. See CI-R1 Report this office dated 25 March 1943.
2. Subject's supervisors at Harvard University considered that Subject had radical ideas (MEMOS C & H), and one of the supervisors thought that Subject had a leaning towards Communism (MEMO H).
3. Subject, while attending Harvard University, was an active member of the Harvard Student Union, fused from a number of organizations including the Peace Society, League for Industrial Democracy, and the National Student League (MEMO E).

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ADVERSE INFORMATION: (continued)

4. One of Subject's acquaintances is of the opinion that Subject is in sympathy with the Communist cause, may possibly be a member of the Communist party, and stated that Subject has often attended Communist party meetings (MEMO G).
5. One of Subject's acquaintances is reported, from a reliable source, to be a self-confessed Communist, ardent in his love for the Communist teachings of Russia, and capable of and likely to influence anyone evincing any interest in Communism (MEMO L).
6. Subject was the leader of the Almanac Singers (See MEMO J this report and CI-R1 Report this office dated 25 March 1943). On 1 January 1943 an article appeared in the New York World Telegram quoting the Daily Worker as stating that the Almanac Singers are the pride of the Communist party. (See MEMO M, CI-R1 Report re Subject dated 7 June 1943 made at Hq. 2nd Service Command).

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

None.

REMARKS AND CONCLUSIONS:

See CI-R1 Report dated 25 March 1943.

Subject transferred in grade to Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas, pursuant to Paragraph 38, Special Orders 211, Headquarters, Keesler Field, Mississippi, dated 30 July 1943.

The adverse information shown in this report serves to supplement and enhance that contained in preceding reports. It shows Subject to be an idealist whose devotion to radical ideologies is such as to make his loyalty to the United States under all circumstances questionable.

This Officer believes that Subject will be further influenced along questionable lines by his new wife, the former Toshi Ohta, who is half-Japanese. Subject's devotion to his wife was so strong before their marriage that he protested what he considered to be the improper treatment of American-born Japanese. (See Reason For Investigation). Correspondence between the two indicated that both Subject and his then fiancée were deeply interested in political trends, particularly anti-Fascist, and that she was a member of several Communist infiltrated organizations. Their marriage will quite possibly fuse and strengthen their individual radical tendencies.

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CI-RI REPORT

REMARKS AND CONCLUSIONS: (continued)

Investigation at this station from 25 March 1943 to date hereof has produced no evidence which would lead this Officer to change the opinion set forth in the original CI-RI Report that Subject is potentially subversive.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This Officer recommends that the case be closed at this Station for the reason that Subject has transferred to Amarillo Air Field, Amarillo, Texas.

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Keosler Field, Mississippi
2 August 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SNECHER, Peter, Pvt.,
ASN 54335466,
2nd Academic Squadron,
Keosler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Interview with John E. Bell,
1st Sergeant, ASN 56117504.

On 2 August 1943, this Special Operator interviewed First Sergeant John E. Bell regarding Subject.

Informant stated that he was the First Sergeant of the 2nd Academic Squadron, and had known Subject since about 1 June 1943.

Informant stated that Subject went to New York on furlough during the latter part of July, 1943; that Subject returned to the 2nd Academic Squadron on 31 July 1943; that immediately upon his return, Subject came to the Orderly Room and stated to Informant that he, Subject, had married while at home and had brought his wife back to Biloxi, Mississippi; that Subject applied for permission to live off the Post, but upon being informed that he was about to be transferred to another Post, Subject pursued his application no further.

Special Operator's Note:

Due to Subject's transfer the records at this Station reveal no change in Subject's marital status. However, mail coverage and investigations conducted by this Operator show that Subject planned to marry Miss Toshi Ohta while on furlough. Toshi Ohta returned to Biloxi, Mississippi with Subject so it is, therefore, presumed by this Operator that Subject is now married to Toshi Ohta. (See Memo F and G, CI-R1 dated 9 June 1943, submitted by Hq. 2nd Service Command.)

Lyle B. Cherry
LYLE B. CHERRY
Special Operator, P.I.O.

(MEMO A)

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Hartford, Connecticut
2 June 1943
I/b10-710; IV-B1526m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Attempted interview with former teachers of
Spring Hill Grammar School, Litchfield, Conn.

On 26 April 1943 this Agent visited the Foreman School, Litchfield, Connecticut, formerly known as the Spring Hill Grammar School, regarding information of Subject's attendance.

The available records of the Foreman School did not cover the period of Subject's attendance, and no member of the present faculty were connected with the School during that period.

It was noted that the Spring Hill Grammar School was conducted by one Mrs. Mabel Spinney and Miss Dorothy Bull and was taken over some years ago by the present owners. Further investigation disclosed that Miss Bull was deceased and Mrs. Spinney had changed her residence to New York and maintained a summer home in West Cornwall, Connecticut.

To this date, Mrs. Spinney had not returned to her Summer home, and inasmuch as Subject attended this School at a very young age, it is doubtful that the information obtained would be of any value.

/s/ Matthys M. Laubscher
MATTHYS M. LAUBSCHER
Agent, CIC

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Hartford, Connecticut
23 April 1943
I/b10-710; IV-B1526m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Education check -
Avon Old Farm High School

On 23 April 1943 this Agent checked the records at Avon Old Farm High School, Avon, Connecticut and interviewed Dean Sears regarding Subject.

Sears informed this Agent that Subject attended the aforementioned school from 1932 to 1936, and that he remembered Subject well. Sears added that Subject was a nephew of Allan Seeger (American Poet of World War fame) and that Subject possessed unusual literary talents. Sears continued that while Subject attended the Avon School he was the founder and editor of a small school newspaper which gained popularity and is at present widely read by the alumni.

In describing Subject, Sears said that he was an introvertive, shy, reticent type, physically weak and for these reasons was not popular with his fellow students. Sears was of the impression that Subject's parents were estranged and that Subject's home life and environment were not desirable. Sears, however, held great respect for Subject's mentality and stated that in his opinion Subject was completely honest and reliable. Subject is believed to have attended Harvard University after leaving Avon Old Farm High School.

In further discussing Subject's background, Sears stated that Subject called on him about three years after leaving the Avon School. At that time, Sears said that Subject appeared to have assumed a "Bohemian" attitude in dress and appearance. From this visit, Sears concluded that Subject had developed a somewhat radical outlook on life.

Sears did not feel that Subject was in any way dangerous, but he did suspect that Subject had aligned himself with the so-called radical element of Harvard University.

/s/ Matthys M. Laubscher
MATTHYS M. LAUBSCHER
Agent, CIC

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Boston, Mass.
27 May 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re : Inspection of records at Harvard University

On 27 May 1943, this Agent visited University Hall, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, Mass., to examine Subject's scholastic record.

Examination of these records revealed that Subject entered Harvard College in September, 1936, successfully completed the first year, returned for the sophomore year in the fall of 1937, but did not complete the second year, being 'allowed to withdraw' because of financial troubles 12 April 1938. Grades in the first year were fair. No credit was received for the work of the second year.

Major field of concentration was to be Sociology.

These records contain a note that Subject's mother and father are separated. Mother's address is given as:

Constance DeClyver (Edson) Seeger
75 South Broadway
Nyack, New York.

In March, 1938 Subject was placed on probation for 'cutting' classes and for unsatisfactory work. In April, he was allowed to withdraw. Reason: financial troubles.

A further notation shows that a record of Subject's marks was sent to City College of New York.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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Boston, Mass.
May 28, 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re : Inspection of records, Harvard University

On 28 May 1943, this Agent visited the office of the Supervisor of Undergraduate Non-Athletic Activities, University Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., to ascertain if Subject was a member of The Harvard Student Union.

This Agent personally examined a list of members of the Harvard Student Union, dated November, 1937, on which appeared the Subject's name followed by the word 'Secretary'.

AGENT'S NOTE: Examination of 'The Harvard Progressive', published by the Progressive Committee of the Harvard Student Union and the official organ of the Student Union, shows that Subject was listed on its staff as Secretary.

The Harvard Student Union (not to be confused with the Harvard Union, which is officially a part of the University) represents an amalgamation of organizations which reflects the liberal sentiment of the college. It is a chapter of the American Student Union. It came into existence in 1935 by the fusion of a number of organizations, including the Peace Society, League for Industrial Democracy, and The National Student League.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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Detroit, Michigan
18 June 1948
VI/H-10-587m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: PETER SNECER, Pvt.
ASN 34335406
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with Dr. Margaret Ruth Smith

On 15 June 1948, this Agent interviewed Dr. Margaret Ruth Smith, Wayne University, Cass and Warren, Detroit, Michigan, Director of Student Activities, in an effort to learn if she knew anything about Subject or a group known as the Almanac Singers, in connection with the disaffection investigation of PETER SNECER to determine the loyalty of Subject, who wrote a letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Fourth Service Command.

Informant stated a group by the name of the Almanac Singers had performed several times at Wayne University, rendering hill-billy songs and American folk music. The group had last appeared at Wayne University on 17 February 1948. She believed this group had performed in various labor unions throughout the city, and were very much interested in labor unions, as most of the students at Wayne interested in labor attended the concerts and were responsible for their appearance.

Informant could give no other information about this group, had not heard of any PETER BOWERS or PETER SNECER, and did not know the names of the four or five members of the band.

/s/ W. C. G.
W. C. GUNTHER,
Agent, C.I.C.

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Corvallis, Oregon
7 June 1943
IX-C/R-17420m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter, Pvt.,
ASN 34355466,
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Interview with Pvt. Morton Dimondstein.

On 5 June 1943 this Agent interviewed Pvt. Morton Dimondstein, ASN 32629009, Hq. Btry. 387th P.A. Bn., APO 104, Camp Adair, Oregon, regarding Subject, Peter SEEGER. This interview was made in pursuance to a request received by the Portland Branch, AG of S, G-2, WDC & FA from the AG of S, G-2, WDC & FA in a letter dated 27 April 1943.

Dimondstein advised this Agent that he had become acquainted with Subject about four years ago in New York City. Subject, to the best of his knowledge, was born in New York City and attended Harvard University for a short time. Subject was a musician by profession, played the banjo very well and collected and composed folk music. Dimondstein stated that Subject traveled around the country most of the time collecting folk music and entertaining with his music. Subject's parents are divorced, his mother lives some place in Florida, and his father works for the Library of Congress, Music Division in Washington, D. C. Dimondstein had met the father on several occasions but knew nothing about the rest of Subject's family.

Dimondstein explained that he became acquainted with Subject through the Youth Workshop of which they were both members. He explained that the Youth Workshop was an organization of about 100 members in New York who were interested in cultural work. He explained that the organization had space rented where they would hold meetings and organize entertainment groups, both musical and dramatic. The organization also produced posters and other types of displays. The Youth Workshop was affiliated with the American Youth Congress and their posters and displays were produced for distribution by the latter organization, and their entertainment groups were organized for the purpose of conducting tours under the auspices of the American Youth Congress. Dimondstein stated that he was an artist and that his part in the organization was the production of posters, but that Subject as a musician was instrumental in composing music and organizing entertainment groups for the Youth Workshop. Dimondstein explained that the Youth Workshop originally had its headquarters at 66 E. 5th Street in New York, but that they later moved to 44 W. 13th Street in the same city.

According to Dimondstein, the Youth Workshop as an affiliate of the American Youth Congress was in accord with the policies of that organization and was active in the dissemination of these policies. He explained that the American Youth Congress advocated government subsidized education and training of the Youth of the country, especially in the cultural fields. The American

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Youth Congress was also opposed to war, according to Dimondstein, and Subject, as far as he knew, was fully in accord with the policy of the organization.

Dimondstein stated that he had recently received a letter from Subject in which Subject had expressed the opinion that he was not being shipped overseas because of his association with a Japanese girl. Dimondstein explained that he had met this girl once in Subject's home in New York and that he always knew her as "Togi" but that he believed her true name was Toshi Ohta. He explained that Toshi was a Japanese girl who was born in Berlin, and that he knew nothing about her except that she was in the dress business some place in New York. Dimondstein stated that he understood that Subject was engaged to Toshi and intended to marry her sometime.

Dimondstein, when asked if he knew to what organizations Subject belonged, stated that he was a member of the Youth Workshop, the Almanac Players (a musical organization), and possibly a member of the Communist party. He admitted that he was not certain of the latter but stated that Subject often attended Communist meetings and in his opinion Subject was in sympathy with the Communist cause. Dimondstein also stated that he himself had attended many Communist meetings and had a number of friends who were Communists, but that he had never become a member of the organization. Dimondstein, in explaining the reasons for Subject's Communist leanings, stated that it must be realized that he was only speaking from his own experience and what he knew of Subject, but that in his opinion Subject was only interested in the Communist party from the standpoint of securing their backing for a program of subsidization of the cultural professions such as artists and musicians. He explained that in his opinion this was the basis of most artists' interest in the Communist party as under their program the artist had an opportunity to produce his works without worry of starving to death, as they were subsidized by the government for such work.

Dimondstein stated that there was no question in his mind but that Subject was entirely loyal and that he felt that he understood him well enough to know that he was practical enough to realize that this war, however distasteful it may be, must be fought and won before attention could be given to anything else. He explained that the American Youth Congress had dissolved upon the outbreak of war because its policies were inconsistent with the prosecution of the war and could not function under wartime conditions.

AGENT'S NOTES: Dimondstein, when discussing himself as well as Subject, appeared to be frank, and in the opinion of this Agent, was not attempting to withhold any information regarding Subject or Subject's activities. He was not hesitant to discuss his opinions, nor to admit his affiliations with the Communist party or the American Youth Congress, and in the opinion of this Agent, the information obtained from him can be considered reliable.

/s/ Jack H. Dunn
JACK H. DUNN,
Special Agent, CIC

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re : Interview with Miss Dorcas Bishop, Supervisor of
Subject's part-time work.

On 28 May 1943, this Agent interviewed Miss Dorcas Bishop, Librarian, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Mass., regarding Subject.

Bishop stated that Subject was employed on a part time basis for about six months from September, 1943 while he was a sophomore at Harvard College.

After stating that Subject's work was entirely satisfactory, Bishop stated that he was 'modern' in his political ideas. When asked to expand on this point, Bishop said that Subject seemed to have radical ideas, with a strong leaning toward Communism. She continued by saying that Subject was strong-willed and highly opinionated in his views. Subject's brother, John Seeger, who was also at this time a student employee at the same library, had expressed concern, Bishop said, over the fact that the so-called progressive school which Subject had attended had not done him any good. Bishop stated that in this statement and others similar to it, John seemed to show dissatisfaction with Subject's liberal, progressive political ideas.

Bishop concluded by saying that in March or April, 1938, she heard that Subject had withdrawn from the college and that he was living 'on his own' in Boston. She added that she knew nothing of Subject's extra-curricular activities or of his acquaintances.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re : Attempt to interview former teacher and acquaintance at
Harvard University.

In attempting to find acquaintances of Subject, this Agent contacted the following people who remembered him slightly or insufficiently to supply any information about him:

Mr. William A. Heaman, Manager of The Harvard Union, where Subject was employed from February to June, 1937.

Miss M. Murray, Ass't. Manager of The Harvard Union.

Miss G. Baldwin and Mrs. J. Ryan, Harvard Student Employment Office, who supervised Subject's temporary employment.

Subject's roommates at Leverett House, not available at this time, in this city are:

Edward Steele, 1904 Meridien St., Nashville, Tenn.
William F. Pennebaker, 1334 State St., New Orleans.
George Nishikowa, 336 East 116 St., New York.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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Detroit, Michigan
16 June 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335468
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.
Keosauqua Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with Mrs. L. Gilbreath
(acquaintance)

On 15 June 1943, this Agent interviewed Mrs. L. Gilbreath, housewife, 5521 Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, acquaintance of Subject, in connection with the disaffection investigation of PETER SEEGER to determine the loyalty of Subject, who wrote a letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Fourth Service Command.

Informant stated she had never heard of a man by the name of PETER SEEGER, but that she had met a man by the name of PETER BOWERS, in April, 1942, who was the leader of a group of singers, four in number, called the Almanac Singers. This group had arrived from New York City to give a concert at the Art Institute, Detroit, Michigan, and had come to the Gilbreath Record Shop through the recommendation of a friend of theirs, who was a customer at informant's record shop, in order to store their instruments. Mrs. Gilbreath could not recall who the name of this customer was.

After the concert at the Art Institute, the Almanac Singers stored their instruments at the Record Shop, and went away for a period of about two weeks. They came back to Detroit, and had with them a girl by the name of Bess Lomax, who is the daughter of John Lomax, eminent musician who has made a deep and intensive study of American folk music. Informant remembered Miss Lomax particularly since her father was a famous musician. The four members of the Almanac Singers were PETER, the leader, Art, Hutch, and Joe, all surnamed BOWERS. Informant asked whether they were all related, and PETER BOWERS replied that the name had been chosen to be used by all of the singers. Mrs. Gilbreath, therefore, had never heard their real names, with the exception of Bess Lomax.

PETER BOWERS was described as about 6'0" in height, slender, about 140 lbs., reddish hair, bluish complexion, about 22 years of age, rather sloppy in appearance, but very courteous and friendly, and quiet mannered. He appeared to be very intelligent, and had an inexhaustible knowledge of American Folk music, and liked to talk about it very much. The only times informant would see PETER BOWERS would be when the group came for their instruments.

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Informant stated she had never heard of the group before they came to her record shop to store their instruments, and that the only times she would see them was when they would call for their instruments, and any discussion they would have would be incidental. She believes she has seen the group for possibly seven or eight times, and she further stated she has no reason to doubt the loyalty and honesty of PETER BOWERS, as she had never heard anything to make her believe otherwise. Mrs. Gilbreath further stated that she had never had any discussion with PETER BOWERS along political lines, and that their only topic of conversation when she saw him would be about music.

AGENT'S NOTE: Mr. L. Gilbreath was not at home, and will not be back for a couple of weeks; he is an auditor and his work takes him out of town a great deal. Mrs. Gilbreath believes that he would know less about the group and PETER BOWERS than she, as he was seldom at home when they called for their instruments. Mrs. Gilbreath appeared to be honest and sincere in her statements, although she had difficulty in recalling specific incidents, and knew the group very vaguely.

/s/ W. C. G.
W. C. GUNTHER,
Agent, C.I.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re : Inspection of records, Leverett House, Harvard University

On Thursday, 27 May 1943, this Agent visited the master's lodgings, Leverett House, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., to secure information on Subject's education and organizations.

Examination of the records there, revealed that Subject resided at Leverett House during part of the 1937-38 term. A notation on his application stated that Subject had lived at Harvard Union during the previous school year.

Subject's extra-curricular activities were listed as track, tennis, instrumental club, painting, and drawing.

AGENT'S NOTE: There is no one at Leverett House at the present time who knows Subject. The present master assumed the position only recently. The former master, now Professor Murdock, did not recall Subject. Messrs. Mikules, DeHood, and Gordan, listed as advisors to Subject, are no longer attached to the University. Latest address of these men are: T. Leonard Mikules, 419 Fourth St., N.W., Washington, D. C.; John D. Gordan, Jr., New York Public Library; DeHood, address unknown.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466,
307th Tech. Sch. Sg.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Interview with H. Dannister

On 12 May 1943, this Agent interviewed H. Dannister, manager, Radio Station WWJ, 620 W. Lafayette, Detroit, Michigan, who is a brother-in-law of Julian Bercovici, an acquaintance of Subject, in connection with the disaffection investigation of PETER SEEGER to determine the loyalty of Subject, who wrote a letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Fourth Service Command.

Informant stated he has known Bercovici for about two years, and that Bercovici was a self-confessed Communist, was ardent in his love for Russia, the Russian people, and the Communistic teachings of Russia, and for all Communistic ideology.

Bercovici was described as 5'7", 140 lbs., very dark hair, dark complexion, and that he was about 26 years of age. Bercovici was said to be of a rather pleasant appearance, very unassuming in his ways, shy and retiring by nature. He was born in New York.

Informant stated Bercovici married his sister about two years ago in New York, and they have a baby boy. Bercovici's father is a radio news commentator in Rochester, New York, and is said to have been born in Rumania.

Informant believed Bercovici to be a college graduate, that he had taken a Liberal Arts course, but that he had no practical education to help him earn his living.

Bercovici has been employed by two or three war plants in Detroit, doing menial labor, and is believed to be now engaged in war work at some war plant in Detroit. Informant had heard him mention the name of the plant, but had forgotten it.

Informant stated Bercovici has been living at 5757 Second Boulevard for about a year, and that he recommended Bercovici to the owners as far as his honesty was concerned when he moved into the apartment.

Informant did not think that Bercovici was a member of the Communist Party, stating that he seemed too shy to join the Party and take an active part in its meetings.

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Berecovi is very much interested in music, although he does not play any musical instrument. His love for all Russian music was particularly apparent. Informant did not know of any connection Berecovi may have had with the Almanac Singers, and had never heard of an organization by that name. Berecovi has roomers, and they may or may not have some connection with that Society.

Informant was of the opinion that Berecovi's whole education was one-sided. He imagined that Berecovi had studied and learned about Communism in College, and had from that time on only read and studied one side of the story, and that he probably did not read or study anything but Communism. Berecovi's whole attitude was immature, and he would not acknowledge any other form of government but Communistic, and when informant and he would get into arguments, Berecovi had only one thought, that Communism was the only salvation for the world.

Informant had spent about five evenings with Berecovi since he came to Detroit, and all of the evenings were wasted in a useless attempt to reform Berecovi's way of thinking. Informant stated he had become disgusted, and would use any means he could to get out of seeing Berecovi, as he felt he was wasting his time, that he would never be able to change Berecovi's Communistic leanings.

Informant believed that Berecovi was a deep thinker, but that he only thought along one line, that he was an introvert, and was frustrated because of his inability to do anything but common labor.

Berecovi did not have the necessary ambition to become a real menace to the American way of life. Informant had at one time thought of turning him in to the FBI for an investigation, when he stated he was working in a war factory, but informant had thought later that Berecovi was harmless, and that he didn't think he would hurt anyone.

Berecovi not only professed his belief in Communism in regards to Communism for the United States, but loved Russia, her people, her institutions, her army, and her way of life. He definitely wanted to see Germany defeated, but only because Germany was a menace to Russia, and not because Germany was a menace to the United States. Informant believed that if Russia had sided with Germany, Berecovi would still be all for Russia, and wouldn't think anything of betraying the United States.

Berecovi was capable of influencing anyone that had a tendency to agree with him, and informant believed if anyone showed any interest in Communism, he would leave no stone unturned to persuade that person that Communism was the only form of government the world should know. Berecovi would have no friends who disagreed with his way of thinking.

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AGENT'S NOTE: Informant is a veteran of the last war, served overseas, and appeared very bitter toward anyone who would advocate the overthrow of the American Government. It is this Agent's belief that he tried to be entirely unprejudiced, and at no time did he show a personal dislike of Borocvici.

/s/ W. C. G.
W. C. GUNTHER,
Agent, OIC

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34355460,
307th Tech. Sch. Sg.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Interview with Mrs. P. Harr

On 12 May 1943, this Agent interviewed Mrs. P. Harr, office manager, Patterson Brothers, 3050 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, which firm is landlord to Julian Bercovici, an acquaintance of Subject, in connection with the disaffection investigation of PETER SEEGER to determine the loyalty of Subject, who wrote a letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Fourth Service Command.

Informant stated that Bercovici moved into the apartment at 5757 Second Boulevard in September, 1942, and that he had been recommended as to his honesty by a Mr. Bannister, who was a radio announcer or manager at one of Detroit's Radio Stations.

Informant described Bercovici as 5'6", 135 lbs., about 27 years of age, and very dark.

Bercovici seemed shy and quiet, and had a rather pleasant appearance. He is working in a war plant in Detroit, for whom Informant did not know.

Informant could give no further information concerning Bercovici.

/s/ W. C. G.
W. C. GUTHER,
Agent, CIC

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Interview with Wm. Bain.

On 17 June 1943, this Agent interviewed Wm. Bain, line foreman, Terstedt Manufacturing Company, Fort and West End, Detroit, Michigan, supervisor of Julian Bercovici, who is an acquaintance of Subject, in connection with the disaffection investigation of PETER SEEGER to determine the loyalty of Subject, who wrote a letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Fourth Service Command.

Informant stated Bercovici has been working as instrument adjuster for about six months at the Terstedt Division of the General Motors Corporation and that prior to this time he worked at the Detroit Transmission for a month as lathe operator, resigning from that position because it was not his line of work. Bercovici also worked at the Packard Motor Company for a few months, but was laid off for some unknown reason. He also worked as optical inspector for Bausch and Lomb, in Rochester, New York, prior to his coming to Detroit in 1941.

Bercovici was described as 5'6" tall, 130 lbs., very dark hair and dark, sallow complexion, appearing rather sickly. He has been late many mornings, and has been absent from work quite a few times, claiming sickness. Informant was of the opinion that he did not get much sleep, for he has had to waken Bercovici several times at his bench.

Informant stated that Bercovici was born in New York, and attended the University of New York, graduating with a Bachelor of Music degree, and that his mother was born in Bucharest, Hungary, and his father, who is a radio news commentator, was born in New York. Bercovici is married, and has one child.

Bain stated that Bercovici is a very mild mannered and timid person, very shy, and when asked about anything is very inquisitive and wishes to know why he is being questioned. He was described as being very sharp and intelligent.

Informant had never observed any tendency of Bercovici to lean toward Communism, but stated that he was a queer sort of person, and was one who undoubtedly though very deeply without saying much, and has been noticed going home with several persons who are quite active in the union, and who it is believed have a Communistic turn of mind.

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Bercovici's work as instrument adjuster is a very precise operation, and he performs his duty satisfactorily, apart from his sleepiness.

Informant would not venture to say anything about Bercovici's honesty or loyalty, as he has had no opportunity to discuss things with him, but it was his personal opinion that he would bear watching, but that he had not shown any disloyal traits while working for Terstedt.

AGENT'S NOTE: Informant has been observing Bercovici since he started to work for him, as he seemed to be a very peculiar individual, and informant knew quite a bit about him, as he wanted to know something of Bercovici's background in view of his peculiar actions and looks. Mr. Bain was very cooperative, and it is this Agent's opinion that he withheld no information about Bercovici.

/s/ W. C. G.
W. C. GUNTHER,
Agent, C.I.C.

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Detroit, Michigan
19 June 1945
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 54385466
307th Tech. Sch. Sg.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Police check on Julian Bercovici, acquaintance of
Subject.

On 1 May 1945 the records of the O.N.I., Detroit Police, and the Michigan State Police were examined regarding Julian Bercovici, in connection with the disaffection investigation of PETER SEEGER to determine the loyalty of Subject, who wrote a letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Fourth Service Command.

Their files contained no information concerning Julian Bercovici, acquaintance of Subject.

/s/ J. W. McG
JOHN W. McORMICK
Agent, C.I.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 24335466
207th Tech. Sch. Sg.
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : P.B.I. Check on Julian Bercovici, acquaintance of
Subject.

On 1 May 1943 the records of the F.B.I. were examined regarding Julian Bercovici, in connection with the disaffection investigation of PETER SEEGER to determine the loyalty of Subject, who wrote a letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Fourth Service Command.

Their files contained the following information:

An individual identified as "Jay" inquired of Jack Raskin how to reach the Almanac Singers. He was informed to call Polacheck at Tr. 27866 which is Julian Bercovici's phone. Polacheck is leader of Almanac Singers, a Communistic singing group.

No other information concerning Bercovici appeared in the files of the F.B.I.

/s/ J. W. McG
JOHN W. MACORMICK
Agent, C.I.C.

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New Haven, Connecticut
23 April 1943
Case No. I-b10-710m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re : Inspection of O.N.I., and F.B.I. records.

On 23 April 1943, this Agent inspected the records of the O.N.I., Bridgeport, Conn., and the F.B.I., New Haven, Conn. relative to the personnel investigation of Subject.

The O.N.I. and F.B.I. had no records pertaining to Subject.

JAMES C. RICH,
Agent, C.I.C.

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Boston, Mass.
31 May 1943
SPKAI/Open File b10-710m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re : Police record

The O.N.I., 150 Causeway St., F.B.I., 10 Post Office Sq., and the Massachusetts Board of Probation, Pemberton Sq., all of Boston, Mass., report no record on Subject as of 28 May 1943.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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JW/sjs
Detroit, Michigan
19 June 1945
VI/H-10-587m

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEGER, Pvt.
ASN 84385466
307th Tech. Sch. Sg.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Police check

On 15 June 1945 this Agent examined the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office Naval Intelligence, Detroit Police Department and Michigan State Police Department, regarding Subject under the name of Peter Bowers, in connection with the disaffection investigation of PETER SEGER, to determine the loyalty of Subject, who wrote a letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Fourth Service Command.

The files of the ONI, Detroit Police and Michigan State Police disclose no information concerning the Subject, under the following name: PETER BOWERS.

The files of the FBI contain the following information of Subject under the following name: PETER BOWERS:

A complaint received by the FBI in April 1943 shows one Pete Bowers whose address was care of Almanac Singers, 135 W. 46th St., New York City, N. Y. The record showed that Bowers was a member of the Almanac Singers, an organization possibly supported by the Communist Party and frequently praised by the Daily Worker. The report showed that Bowers travelled about the United States under the auspices of the office of Civilian Defense entertaining C.O.D. Workers.

/s/ J. W. McG
JOHN W. MCCORMICK
Agent, C.I.C.

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GENERAL MITCHELL FIELD, CUDAHY, WISCONSIN

May 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

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SUBJECT: Peter Seeger, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

1. On May 1, 1943, this officer interviewed 2nd Lt. Alan Swartz (0793455) A.C., in regards to investigation concerning PETER SEEGER, (34335466) Pvt., 307th Tech. Sch. Sq., Keesler Field, Mississippi, as requested by the Director, Intelligence Division, Headquarters, Fourth Service Command.

2. Lt. Swartz states that he has known subject for several years both socially and in business. Subject belonged to a musical group in New York City called the Almanac Singers; a group of professional singers specializing in folk songs and various types of singing entertainment. Subject is believed to have done quite a bit of research work for the Library of Congress in recording of folk songs. Lt. Swartz states that very often they sang lyric songs made up by themselves before labor union rallies and organizing meetings. Several songs were of an anti-war nature prior to Pearl Harbor.

3. Lt. Swartz further states that subject was estranged from his family who were active in the Pan-American union. His mother is a music teacher and composer.

4. Subject is believed to be engaged to a girl in New York of Japanese-American parentage. The father, Ohta; the mother is white, American, maiden name Perry. They have two children, a boy, Omeri, and a daughter, Toshi. Lt. Swartz knows the family very well with the exception of the father who is very oriental in appearance, actions and talk. He does not know whether the father is pro or anti-Japanese but states that the mother and children are definitely anti-Japanese and have done a great deal of work for the China Relief effort. Subject has discussed with Lt. Swartz the possibility of marriage with Toshi including the racial aspects concerned.

5. When war was declared and the alien round-up took place in New York, the family went into hiding for fear of being deported or confined as aliens. Because of this, subject felt that his Japanese friends were being unduly persecuted and so stated to Lt. Swartz.

6. Lt. Swartz does not know of any Communistic or Socialistic tendencies on the part of subject and believes subject to be 100% American though rather immature and inclined to be a little drastic in his talk.

/s/ Samuel H. Jackson
SAMUEL H. JACKSON
1st Lt., A.C.
Intelligence Officer.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

AUG 2 1943

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L. R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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Corvallis, Oregon
7 June 1943
IX-O/R-17420m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SIEGER, ASN 34835466, Pvt.,
307th Tech. Sch. Sq., Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Interview with Private Morton Dimondstein.

On 5 June 1943 this Agent interviewed Pvt. Morton Dimondstein, ASN 32626009, Hq. Btry. 387th P.A. Bn., APO 104, Camp Adair, Oregon, regarding Subject, PETER SIEGER. This interview was made in pursuance to a request received by the Portland Branch, AC of S, G-2, WDC & FA from the AC of S, G-2, WDC & FA in a letter dated April 27, 1943.

Dimondstein advised this Agent that he had become acquainted with Subject about four years ago in New York City. Subject to the best of his knowledge was born in New York City and attended Harvard University for a short time. Subject was a musician by profession, played the banjo very well and collected and composed folk music. Dimondstein stated that Subject travelled around the country most of the time collecting folk music and entertaining with his music. Subject's parents are divorced, his mother lives someplace in Florida and his father works for the Library of Congress, Music Division in Washington, D. C. Dimondstein had met the father on several occasions but knew nothing about the rest of Subject's family.

Dimondstein explained that he became acquainted with Subject through the Youth Workshop of which they were both members. He explained that the Youth Workshop was an organization of about 100 members in New York who were interested in cultural work. He explained that the organization had space rented where they would hold meetings and organize entertainment groups, both musical and dramatic. The organization also produced posters and other types of displays. The Youth Workshop was affiliated with the American Youth Congress and their posters and displays were produced for distribution by the latter organization, and their entertainment groups were organized for the purpose of conducting tours under the auspices of the American Youth Congress. Dimondstein stated that he was an artist and that his part in the organization was the production of posters, but that Subject as a musician was instrumental in composing music and organizing entertainment groups for the Youth Workshop. Dimondstein explained that the Youth Workshop originally had its headquarters at 66 E. 8th Street in New York, but that they later moved to 44 W. 18th Street in the same city.

According to Dimondstein, the Youth Workshop as an affiliate of the American Youth Congress was in accord with the policies of that organization and was active in the dissemination of these policies. He explained that the American Youth Congress advocated government subsidized education and training of the Youth of the country, especially in the cultural fields.

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The American Youth Congress was also apposed to war, according to Dimondstein, and Subject, as far as he knew, was fully in accord with the policy of the organization.

Dimondstein stated that he had recently received a letter from Subject in which Subject had expressed the opinion that he was not being shipped overseas because of his association with a Japanese girl. Dimondstein explained that he had met this girl once in Subject's home in New York and that he always knew her as "Togi" but that he believed her true name was Toshi Ohta. He explained that Toshi was a Japanese girl who was born in Berlin, and that he knew nothing about her except that she was in the dress business someplace in New York. Dimondstein stated that he understood that Subject was engaged to Toshi and intended to marry her sometime.

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Dimondstein, when asked if he knew/what organizations Subject belonged, stated that he was a member of the Youth Workshop, the Almanac Players (a musical organization), and possibly a member of the Communist party. He admitted that he was not certain of the latter but stated that Subject often attended communist meetings and in his opinion Subject was in sympathy with the communist cause. Dimondstein also stated that he himself had attended many communist meetings and had a number of friends who were communists, but that he had never become a member of the organization. Dimondstein in explaining the reasons for Subject's communistic leanings stated that it must be realized that he was only speaking from his own experience and what he knew of Subject, but that in his opinion Subject was only interested in the communistic party from the standpoint of securing their backing for a program of subsidization of the cultural professions such as artists and musicians. He explained that in his opinion this was the basis of most artists' interest in the communist party as under their program the artist had an opportunity to produce his works without worry of starving to death, as they were subsidized by the government for such work.

Dimondstein stated that there was no question in his mind but that Subject was entirely loyal and that he felt that he understood him well enough to know that he was practical enough to realize that this war, however distasteful it may be, must be fought and won before attention could be given to anything else. He explained that the American Youth Congress had dissolved upon the outbreak of war because its policies were inconsistent with the prosecution of the war and could not function under wartime conditions.

AGENT'S NOTES: Dimondstein when discussing himself as well as Subject appeared to be frank, and in the opinion of this Agent, was not attempting to withhold any information regarding Subject or Subject's activities. He was not hesitant to discuss his opinions, nor to admit his affiliations with the Communist party or the American Youth Congress, and in the opinion of this Agent the information obtained from him can be considered reliable.

JACK H. DUNN,
Special Agent, CIC

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Boston, Mass.
May 28, 1943
SPKAI/Open File b10-710m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

RE: Attempt to interview former teacher and acquaintance at
Harvard University.

In attempting to find acquaintances of Subject, this Agent contacted the following people who remembered him slightly or insufficiently to supply any information about him:

Mr. William A. Heaman, Manager of The Harvard Union, where Subject was employed from February to June, 1937.

Miss M. Murray, Ass't. Manager of The Harvard Union.

Miss G. Baldwin and Mrs. J. Ryan, Harvard Student Employment Office, who supervised Subject's temporary employment.

Subject's roommates at Leverett House, not available at this time, in this city are:

Edward Steele, 1904 Meridien St., Nashville; Tenn.
William F. Pennebaker, 1334 State St., New Orleans.
George Nishikowa, 336 East 116 St., New York.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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Boston, Mass.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

RE: Inspection of records, Harvard University

On May 28, 1943, this Agent visited the office of the Supervisor of Undergraduate Non-Athletic Activities, University Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., to ascertain if Subject was a member of The Harvard Student Union.

This Agent personally examined a list of members of the Harvard Student Union, dated November, 1937, on which appeared the Subject's name followed by the word 'Secretary'.

AGENT'S NOTE: Examination of 'The Harvard Progressive', published by the Progressive Committee of the Harvard Student Union and the official organ of the Student Union, shows that Subject was listed on its staff as Secretary.

The Harvard Student Union (not to be confused with the Harvard Union, which is officially a part of the University) represents an amalgamation of organizations which reflects the liberal sentiment of the college. It is a chapter of the American Student Union. It came into existence in 1935 by the fusion of a number of organizations, including the Peace Society, League for Industrial Democracy, and The National Student League.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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Hartford, Connecticut
April 23, 1943
I/b10-710; IV-B1526m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Education check -
Avon Old Farm High School

On April 23, 1943 this Agent checked the records at Avon Old Farm High School, Avon, Connecticut and interviewed Dean Sears regarding Subject.

Sears informed this Agent that Subject attended the aforementioned school from 1932 to 1936, and that he remembered Subject well. Sears added that Subject was a nephew of Allan Seeger (American Poet of World War fame) and that Subject possessed unusual literary talents. Sears continued that while Subject attended the Avon School he was the founder and editor of a small school newspaper which gained popularity and is at present widely read by the alumni.

In describing Subject, Sears said that he was an introvertive, shy reticent type, physically weak and for these reasons was not popular with his fellow students. Sears was of the impression that Subject's parents were estranged and that Subject's home life and environment were not desirable. Sears, however, held great respect for Subject's mentality and stated that in his opinion Subject was completely honest and reliable. Subject is believed to have attended Harvard University after leaving Avon Old Farm High School.

In further discussing Subject's background, Sears stated that Subject called on him about three years after leaving the Avon School. At that time, Sears said that Subject appeared to have assumed a "Bohemian" attitude in dress and appearance. From this visit, Sears concluded that Subject had developed a somewhat radical outlook on life.

Sears did not feel that Subject was in any way dangerous, but he did suspect that Subject had alligned himself with the so-called radical element of Harvard University.

Matthys M. Laubscher

MATTHYS M. LAUBSCHER
Agent, CIC

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Hartford, Connecticut
June 2, 1943
I/b10-710; IV-B1526m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Attempted interview with former teachers of
Spring Hill Grammar School, Litchfield, Conn.

On April 26, 1943 this Agent visited the Foreman School, Litchfield, Connecticut, formerly known as the Spring Hill Grammar School, regarding information of Subject's attendance.

The available records of the Foreman School did not cover the period of Subject's attendance, and no member of the present faculty were connected with the School during that period.

It was noted that the Spring Hill Grammar School was conducted by one Mrs. Mabel Spinney and Miss Dorothy Bull and was taken over some years ago by the present owners. Further investigation disclosed that Miss Bull was deceased and Mrs. Spinney had changed her residence to New York and maintained a summer home in West Cornwall, Connecticut.

To this date, Mrs. Spinney had not returned to her Summer home, and inasmuch as Subject attended this School at a very young age, it is doubtful that the information obtained would be of any value.

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MATTHYS M. LAURSCHER
Agent, CIC

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Boston, Mass.
May 28, 1943
SPKAI/Open File b10-710m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

RE: Inspection of records, Leverett House, Harvard University

On Thursday, May 27, 1943, this Agent visited the master's lodgings, Leverett House, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., to secure information on Subject's education and organizations.

Examination of the records there, revealed that Subject resided at Leverett House during part of the 1937-38 term. A notation on his application stated that Subject had lived at Harvard Union during the previous school year.

Subject's extra-curricular activities were listed as track, tennis, instrumental club, painting, and drawing.

AGENT'S NOTE: There is no one at Leverett House at the present time who knows Subject. The present master assumed the position only recently. The former master, now Professor Murdock, did not recall Subject. Messrs. Mikules, DeHood, and Gordan, listed as advisors to Subject, are no longer attached to the University. Latest address of these men are: T. Leonard Mikules, 419 Fourth St., N.W., Washington, D. C.; John D. Gordan, Jr., New York Public Library; DeHood, address unknown.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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Boston, Mass.
May 27, 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

RE: Inspection of records at Harvard University

On May 27, 1943, this Agent visited University Hall, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, Mass., to examine Subject's scholastic record.

Examination of these records revealed that Subject entered Harvard College in September, 1936, successfully completed the first year, returned for the sophomore year in the fall of 1937, but did not complete the second year, being 'allowed to withdraw' because of financial troubles April 12, 1938. Grades in the first year were fair. No credit was received for the work of the second year.

Major field of concentration was to be Sociology.

These records contain a note that Subject's mother and father are separated. Mother's address is given as:

Constance DeClyver (Edson) Seeger
75 South Broadway
Nyack, New York.

In March, 1938 Subject was placed on probation for 'cutting' classes and for unsatisfactory work. In April, he was allowed to withdraw. Reason: financial troubles.

A further notation shows that a record of Subject's marks was sent to City College of New York.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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Boston, Mass.
May 28, 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

RE: Interview with Miss Dorcas Bishop, Supervisor of Subject's
part-time work.

On May 28, 1943, this Agent, interviewed Miss Dorcas Bishop, Librarian,
Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Mass., regarding Subject.

Bishop stated that Subject was employed on a part time basis for about
six months from September, 1943 while he was a sophomore at Harvard College.

After stating that Subject's work was entirely satisfactory, Bishop
stated that he was 'modern' in his political ideas. When asked to expand
on this point, Bishop said that Subject seemed to have radical ideas, with
a strong leaning toward Communism. She continued by saying that Subject
was strong-willed and highly opinionated in his views. Subject's brother,
John Seeger, who was also at this time a student employee at the same
library, had expressed concern, Bishop said, over the fact that the so-
called progressive school which Subject had attended had not done him any
good. Bishop stated that in this statement and others similar to it, John
seemed to show dissatisfaction with Subject's liberal, progressive politi-
cal ideas.

Bishop concluded by saying that in March or April, 1938, she heard
that Subject had withdrawn from the college and that he was living 'on his
own' in Boston. She added that she knew nothing of Subject's extra-curri-
cular activities or of his acquaintances.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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New Haven, Connecticut.
April 23, 1943.
Case No. I-b10-710m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.),
ASN 34335466, 307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Inspection of O.N.I., and F.B.I. records.

On April 23, 1943, this Agent inspected the records of the O.N.I., Bridgeport, Conn., and the F.B.I., New Haven, Conn. relative to the personnel investigation of Subject.

The O.N.I. and F.B.I. had no records pertaining to Subject.

JAMES C. RICH,
Agent, C.I.C.

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Boston, Mass.
May 31, 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: SEEGER, Peter (Pvt.)
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sq.
Keesler Field, Miss.

RE: Police record

The O.N.I., 150 Causeway St., F.B.I., 10 Post Office Sq., and the
Massachusetts Board of Probation, Pemberton Sq., all of Boston, Mass.,
report no record on Subject as of May 28, 1943.

/s/ William B. Hickey
WILLIAM B. HICKEY
SPECIAL AGENT, CIC

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

JUL 2 1943

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L. R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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Place Washington, D. C.
Date May 1, 1943.
Case No. IV-b1526m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466, 307th Tech. Sch. Sq.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Investigation in the Military District of
Washington, pursuant to CI-R1 Report dated
March 25, 1943, from the Director of Intelli-
gence, Fourth Service Command, requesting in-
vestigation of undeveloped leads concerning
PETER SEEGER, who wrote a letter protesting
and criticizing the California American Legion's
resolution advocating deportation of all Japan-
ese, citizens or not, after the War, and barring
all Japanese descendants from citizenship.

LEADS:

(1)

Charles Seeger, 10001 Dallas Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, Chief of
the Music Section, Pan American Union, and father of Subject, was in-
terviewed under pretext in his office at the Pan American Building An-
nex, Washington, D.C., relative to the Subject. (April 30, 1943)

Mr. Seeger stated Subject was born in New York City, N.Y. in May
of 1919, and was born to Mr. Seeger's first wife, Constance De Clyver
Edson Seeger, from whom he is now divorced. Constance Seeger is a vio-
linist and is living in Miami, Florida, where she is teaching music.

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Informant stated Subject started to school at the age of 4½ years,
attending a private school, which he believes was located at New Cannon,
Connecticut. Subject later attended Spring Hill School, Litchfield, Con-
necticut. Subject attended a high school at Avon School, Avon, Connecti-
cut. Subject also attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
where he matriculated in an Arts and Sciences course. Subject left Har-
vard about Easter of 1938, when Mr. Seeger and his wife Constance, were
divorced.

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Mr. Seeger informed this Agent that Subject had "bummed around" over
the country for the past two or three years; that Subject has "hitch-hiked"
all over the southwestern part of the United States; that Subject was a
banjo player and singer, and managed to earn his keep while "bumming" with
his banjo and voice; that Subject was very much interested in the common
people and likes to associate with them; that Subject was also a free

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LEADS:

lance artist and managed to earn some money by painting.

Informant is of the opinion Subject was never very much interested in money, and didn't seem to care whether or not he had any, so long as he had a place to stay and something to eat.

Informant revealed Subject was a close friend and associate of "Leadbetter", also known as "Leadbelly", a negro murderer who escaped from prison a few years ago. Subject and "Leadbetter" often travelled and sang together.

Subject was a singer and banjo player with the Almanac singers, and was very active in Detroit, Michigan, assisting the CIO in a membership drive. Subject sang and played the banjo during CIO meetings, according to Mr. Seeger.

VI SC

Mr. Seeger stated he has received letters from Subject indicating the Subject was dissatisfied with his present position in the Army; that Subject wants to get an assignment to active duty where he can get into combat. It is Subject's father's opinion that Subject is being held back by the Army because of Subject's radical tendencies and associates; that Subject's father does not believe Subject is radical, but admits Subject has a liberal point of view.

Subject's father described Subject as being 24 years of age; slightly over six feet tall; weight, about 150 lbs.; thin, but wirey build; brown hair; blue eyes; fair complexion.

Mr. Seeger informed this Agent, Dave Taylor of Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. and Frank Luther of Decca Records Corporation, New York, N.Y. would be able to furnish considerable information relative to Subject, as Subject worked for them.

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Informant stated Subject has had an album of records recorded under the title of "Mr. President", and also an album of sea songs was recorded by Subject for Decca Corporation.

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Subject's father informed this Agent that he is an advisor to the Joint Army and Navy Committee on Music, and has had a letter written to the proper authority requesting the Subject be given an assignment where he could use his musical training. Subject, however, refused to accept this assignment, claiming that he wanted to become a good soldier first, then have his music as a secondary interest.

In conclusion, Subject's father admitted Subject had associated with radicals and questionable characters, however, Subject's father is of the opinion Subject is not a radical himself, but likes freedom of movement, and was not very choosy about his friends.

Washington, D.C.; W.L. McPatridge, Special Agent, CIC.

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PETER SEEGER; IV-b1526m.

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LEADS:

On April 26, 1943, Agent G.G. Oakes inspected the files of the Associated Retail Credit Men of Washington, D.C., and the General American Credits, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and no information relative to Subject was disclosed.

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On April 28, 1943, Agent Robert Daerr inspected the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., and also the Special Subversive files of the Public Relations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., and no information relative to Subject was disclosed.

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On April 30, 1943, this Agent was informed by Special Agent F.E. Walter, that the Dies Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., has the following information relative to Subject in their files:

September 5, 1940 - Subject was a delegate to the American Peace Mobilization convention held at Chicago, Illinois.

September 6, 1940 - Subject was a singer at the Massachusetts Meeting of the American Peace Mobilization, held at Turner's Arena, Washington, D.C.

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Upon the request of the Officer in Charge, WFO, CIO, this Agent conducted a check of the appropriate agencies to ascertain the reliability of Subject's father, Charles Seeger, Jr. On May 14, 1943, this Agent was advised by Special Agent John B. Mackey, that the State Department, Washington, D.C., has the following information relative to Subject's father, Charles Seeger:

"CHARLES LOUIS SEEGER, Jr., made application for passport in New York City, N.Y., on June 3, 1931, indicating that he intended to travel to France, England, and Germany to attend conferences. He said he would leave the Port of New York on S.S. Bremen on June 14, 1931, and would return to the United States within two years.

Washington, D.C.: W.L. McFatrige, Special Agent, CIO.

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"Application further reflected that ~~SERGE~~ was born on December 14, 1886, at Mexico City, Mexico. Affidavit by Charles L. Seeger, Subject's father, certified that Charles Seeger was born in Mexico on December 14, 1886; was registered at the Consulate General of the United States, in Mexico City, as an American citizen by his American parents, Charles Louis Seeger, born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Elsie Adams Seeger. He was brought to the United States by his parents in May, 1887, taking up permanent residence in this Country. Since that time Subject has resided outside the United States in Mexico, from 1900 to 1902, and in Europe from 1908 to 1911.

"Seeger gave his occupation as Musicologist. His permanent address is listed as Patterson, New York, and his mailing address is listed as 27 West 44th Street, New York City, New York.

"Subject's application for passport was approved and on June 9, 1931, he was issued passport #401531, by the State Department. There is, however, no data on actual foreign travel undertaken by Subject, on this passport."

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Upon the request of the Officer in Charge, WFO, CIO, this Agent made a check in the neighborhood of 10001 Dallas Avenue, Silver Springs, Maryland, for the purpose of determining the reputation of Charles Louis Seeger, Jr., father of Subject in this neighborhood.

On May 20, 1943, this Agent interviewed Mrs. Ray A. Turner, 10007 Dallas Avenue, Silver Springs, Maryland, housewife, relative to the reputation of Subject's father in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Turner advised this Agent that she has known Charles Seeger for a period approximating two years; that during this time she has never had a close acquaintance with Mr. Seeger; that Mr. Seeger is away from his home throughout the entire day, and she seldom sees him in the evening; that so far as she knows the Seeger family are loyal American citizens and she has no reason to suspect them of sympathy with the Axis' ideologies; that neither Mr. Seeger nor his wife have ever expressed any radical view points, and have never given her cause to suspect that either Mr. or Mrs. Seeger were engaging in Communistic Activities. Mrs. Turner qualified this statement by saying that her observations of Mr. and Mrs. Seeger were based upon her limited knowledge of them in the neighborhood.

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Mrs. Turner advised this Agent that Mrs. Seeger was engaged in writing music books; that in addition to this writing, most of Mrs. Seeger's time was taken up with her three children. "There is one boy about ten years of age, and two girls, one an infant, and the other 4-6 years of age. The young Seeger boy plays with Mrs. Turner's boy and is also a member of the same Cub Scout Troop.

Informant stated that she did not know of any clubs, lodges, or associations in which either Mr. or Mrs. Seeger were members. The Seeger family are not known to attend any churches, and their religious denomination is unknown to the informant. According to Mrs. Turner, the Seeger family are very quiet, do not get into trouble, or arguments with the neighbors, and have never created any disturbances in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Turner advised this Agent, she has observed the older son of Mr. Seeger's, whose name she believed to be PETER SEEGER. At the time Mrs. Turner observed PETER SEEGER, he was wearing an Army uniform. Mrs. Turner stated that she did not have an opportunity to talk with PETER SEEGER, however, her small son was playing with the younger son of Mr. Seeger, and this boy told her son that the soldier in uniform was PETER SEEGER. Mrs. Turner stated that she is of the opinion that PETER SEEGER is the son of Mr. Seeger by his first marriage. Mrs. Turner is of the opinion that this was the first occasion that she has ever observed PETER SEEGER in this neighborhood, and she knows nothing at all concerning PETER SEEGER.

In conclusion, Mrs. Turner stated that in her opinion the Seeger family were good American citizens, and she has no reason to question their loyalty to the United States.

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Upon the request of the Officer in Charge, WFO, CIO, this Agent made a check in the neighborhood of 10001 Dallas Avenue, Silver Springs, Maryland, the residence of Subject's father, for the purpose of determining the reputation of Subject's father in his neighborhood.

On May 20, 1943, this Agent interviewed at her residence, Mrs. Ralph E. Dewhirst, 9909 Dallas Avenue, Silver Springs, Maryland, relative to Subject's father, Charles Louis Seeger, Jr.

Mrs. Dewhirst stated that she was not well acquainted with Charles Seeger or his wife, but has known them ever since they moved to their present home three or four years ago. It was Mrs. Dewhirst's opinion

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that the Seeger family enjoy an excellent reputation in this neighborhood. Mrs. Dewhirst described the Seeger family as being very quiet, and refined. Mrs. Seeger is a musician of some note, and writes her own books on musical subjects. It was the informant's opinion that Mr. Seeger is employed as supervisor of some music project. The informant stated there were three children in the Seeger family. One of the children is a boy, approximately ten years of age and there are also two younger girls.

Based upon her limited knowledge of Seeger family, Mrs. Dewhirst stated that she has never had any reason to question either Mr. or Mrs. Seeger's loyalty to the United States; that there are no indications Mr. or Mrs. Seeger are in sympathy with Axis ideology; that she has never had any reason to suspect either Mr. or Mrs. Seeger of Communistic activity.

Mrs. Dewhirst informed this Agent that she has never seen or heard anyone in the neighborhood mention Mr. Seeger's older son, PETER SEEGER; that she did not know Mr. Seeger had a son in the Army.

The informant stated she was not aware of Mr. or Mrs. Seeger's ever having had any trouble with the neighbors, or having caused a disturbance.

In conclusion, Mrs. Dewhirst informed this Agent Mr. and Mrs. Seeger were planning to move in the near future because the house which they now rent is going to be sold by the Rental Agents.

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Upon the request of the Officer in Charge, WFO, CIO, this Agent conducted a check of the appropriate agencies to ascertain the reliability of Subject's father, Charles Seeger, Jr. On May 15, 1943, this Agent was informed by Agent G.O. Oakes, that a check of the files of Associated Retail Credit Men of Washington, D.C., and the General American Credits, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., revealed the following information relative to Charles Louis Seeger, Jr.:

A report dated June 5, 1941, and originating at Washington, D.C., contained the following information:

"Subject is about 41 years of age, white, married, and his wife, Ruth C., and three children are dependent upon him for support. He has resided at 10001 Dallas Avenue, Silver Springs, Maryland, since September 17,

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1935, renting a house for an unknown amount of rent. He formerly resided at P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; 3007 Pershing Drive, Lyon Park, Virginia; and also 111 East 87th Street, New York City, N.Y.

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"He is employed by OWS, located in Office of Pan American Union, as a Director of Music, having been appointed February 10, 1941, and receives a salary of \$4,600 per annum. Position is indefinite. Formerly employed by WPA, Music Project, as Assistant to the Director; appointed June 27, 1938, and received a salary of \$3,800 per annum. This was an indefinite appointment. Previously employed by WSA, prior to the Resettlement Administration. His wife is unemployed."

A report dated December 17, 1935, and originating at New York City, New York, contained the following information:

"Charles Seeger, Jr., is in his middle 30's; married; has no known dependents.

"A previous address, 111 East 87th Street, New York City, New York is a four story, brown stone, 'walkup' house of fair description, in a medium class neighborhood. They had been tenants here for nearly three years, and rental authorities advised they left here about two months ago, in good standing, and are understood to have moved out of the city. Seeger holds a B.A. degree in music. He has been associated with the New School for Social Research, at 66 West 12th Street, New York City, N.Y. where it is understood he gave lectures, and courses on music. It was stated that he was with them last spring. They appear to be people of moderate means, and living within their means. No active accounts."

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On May 17, 1943, this Agent was advised by Agent William Gray, that the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., and also the Special Subversive files of the Public Relations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. had been checked and no information relative to Charles Louis Seeger, Jr., was disclosed. C.L. Seeger, Jr., is the father of Subject.

Washington, D.C.: W. L. McFarridge, Special Agent, CIO.

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Washington

JUN 25 1943

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L. R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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File No. IT 111701-1 IV 11526
Date 11/9/1943

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Investigation requested by HRM/jep
Office of origin DID, 4th S. C.
Report made at DID, 4th S. C.
Report made by Mr. 2nd S. C., Gov. Isl., N. Y.
Period covered Harwood E. Ryan, Agent, CIC
Character of investigation 5/1/43 - 5/7/43
Disaffection
Status of Case RUC

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

Pvt. PETER SEEGER, then undergoing training at the Airplane Mechanics School, Keesler Field, Mississippi, wrote a letter to the California American Legion, criticizing their resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese after the war and barring all Japanese descendants from citizenship.

By First Indorsement on a letter dated April 3, 1943, the Director of Intelligence, 4th S. C., requested the Director of Intelligence, 2nd Service Command, to make complete investigation of Undeveloped Leads as indicated in CI-R1, IV 1526, dated March 25, 1943, which had been previously forwarded.

ADVERSE INFORMATION:

1. SEEGER'S associates include many known Communists. (MEMOS A,C,G,H.)
2. SEEGER'S fiancée is a member of two Communist groups. Her father is Japanese, and her brother is reported to have circulated petitions on behalf of Communist Earl Browder. (MEMOS A,E,F,G)
3. SEEGER was one of the principals of the Almanac Players who spread Communist and anti-Fascist propaganda through songs and recordings. (MEMOS A,H,W).

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: None

REMARKS AND CONCLUSIONS:

This Agent believes the Subject to be ardently anti-Fascist and pro-Communist, as were most of his associates in this area. (MEMOS A,C,H,I). His fiancé is half Japanese and is a member of the Communist infiltrated Japanese-American Committee for Democracy and is employed by Survey Associates, Inc., who publish the magazine SURVEY GRAPHIC which has increasingly followed the Communist Party line. brother has circulated pro-Earl Browder petitions. (MEMOS E,F,G). Former landlords have spoken of their relief at the Subject's departure from their premises. In place unpaid bills were left. (MEMOS B,G)

It is the opinion of this Agent that the Subject's Communist sympathies, his unsatisfactory relations with his landlords, and his numerous Communist and otherwise undesirable friends, make him unfit for a position of trust or reliability.

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FORWARDED:

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REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

For the Director of Intelligence

GEO. W. HINMAN, JR.

Colonel, G. S. C.

Executive Officer

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

This Agent recommends that this case be referred to the War Department in accord with Par. 10 of letter dated March 19, 1943, from the Adjutant General's Office, AG 014,311 (3-16-43) OB-S-B-11.

This Agent further recommends that this case be RUC.

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Place. Governors Island, N. Y.....
Date. June 5, 1943.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with George E. Jonas, acquaintance

On May 7, 1943, this Agent interviewed George E. Jonas, 465 Park Avenue, New York, owner of Camp Rising Sun, Walden, New York, and an acquaintance for seven years of the Subject.

Jonas said that he had established Camp Rising Sun 14 years ago for the purpose of giving unusually talented boys an opportunity to develop their talents and qualities of leadership. The boys were selected each year from candidates from about 50 outstanding schools. Schools having courses in particular fields were considered especially. The boys who were chosen paid what they could, and this usually amounted to \$4 or \$5 a week. They enjoyed all the benefits and activities of a boys' summer camp, plus training in self-government, publication of camp papers, construction of works of art and so forth. The Subject had been suggested to Jonas by the Institute of Musical Art, which is part of the Juilliard Music School where Jonas believes that the Subject's mother had been a music teacher. The Subject's mother impressed Jonas as a nice, but unsympathetic person, and she has been separated from her husband for some time. The husband was a musicologist, which means that he studied the history of music, collected selected manuscripts, and made very little money. In the opinion of Jonas, the Subject's father was a very queer man especially in that he did not consider the Subject to be any of his responsibility. Jonas had known times when the Subject was supposedly living with his family, when he had to sleep on a park bench because the house was full of guests. The father has been married to another woman for some time and now lives in Washington, D. C.

Jonas said the Subject was talented in many things and had unusual ability in painting, writing, music, and cooking. The Subject had attended Camp Rising Sun for the month of July, 1936. At the end of this period, the Subject's father had taken him out of the camp and sent him to do some berry picking for a friend of the father. This inconsiderate gesture had been considered outrageous by Jonas.

After leaving the very select Avon School, the Subject attended Harvard for somewhat less than 2 years, and Jonas believes he left because he showed more interest in student union activities than in his studies. Jonas said the Subject had always leaned toward Communistic thinking, and he believes that this was furthered by the Subject's attendance at a very wealthy school while his parents were almost without money.

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Jonas pointed out that he always maintained contact with his boys and the Subject had once invited him to attend the music festival in Greenwich Village, New York. Upon attending, Jonas had found there a small gathering and the entertainment consisted of Italian revolutionary songs, Russian songs, and Communistic labor union songs. In view of this background Jonas had later invited the Subject out to dinner and offered the Subject an opportunity to explain his communistic views. The Subject declined.

Jonas said that the Subject, about a year ago, had written that he would like to get in touch with Reizo Nishikawa, who had been a close friend of the Subject at Camp Rising Sun. Jonas described Nishikawa as a half Japanese who had always had very radical left-wing political beliefs.

Jonas mentioned that the Subject had two older brothers, at least one of whom had attended the Harvard University, and Jonas believes that because of this fact, and with the aid of a liberal scholarship, the Subject also was admitted to Harvard.

Jonas emphasized that the Subject had been as fine a boy as any of the 300 who had attended the Camp, but he said that the Subject had been idealistic, and he could easily see how the Subject might get into trouble especially if he were exposed to other liberals having Communistic beliefs.

AGENT'S NOTE:

It is the opinion of this Agent that Jonas is an unusually excellent Informant. His operation of Camp Rising Sun is a philanthropic gesture, and he exhibited a great deal of feeling for what he called "his boys." Jonas is a well educated and much travelled man who appeared to give a great deal of thought to his opinions.

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Agent, CIC

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Place... Governors Island, New York

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with W. W. Guthrie, fellow-employee and friend.

On May 1, 1943, this Agent interviewed W. W. Guthrie, 74 Charles Street, New York, N. Y., friend of Subject and formerly a fellow-employee.

Guthrie said that he had first met Subject in the summer of 1941 and he knew that Subject had just left Harvard, but he did not know the reason. Both Subject and Guthrie, had joined the Almanac Singers, which was a group of musicians who wrote and sang hillbilly songs and ballads for audiences wherever they could be found. Most of the group's engagements were in Union halls and at Union outings. Guthrie would not state how the Almanacs came into being and he indicated that he did not know the whereabouts of any of the former members. As far as Guthrie knows, the remaining Almanac Players are now in Detroit, Michigan.

According to Guthrie, the Subject was the best musician in the group and was the one who wrote most of the original lyrics for their ballads. Nothing was known of the Subject's parents beyond the fact that the father lived in Washington, D. C., and had been married again, and the mother lived in Florida. All of the members of the family were accomplished musicians and the Subject had learned all he had about music from association with his parents and brothers. Guthrie did not know anything about these brothers, although he thought there was one named John and one named Charles and both were older than the Subject.

Since leaving Harvard, the Subject had had no permanent address, as his employment with the Almanacs had carried him through forty-five states in the United States and their quarters were always chosen from opportunities at hand. This meant that the group had slept on freight trains, under bridges, in churches, and so forth. Guthrie said the Subject had been fond of music and folk dancing and that he liked sports, swimming in particular. Guthrie did not know of any organizations to which the Subject had belonged.

Guthrie said that the Subject had been greatly interested in American folklore and had always been interested in people and what they were doing. The Subject had a great deal of energy and was brilliant, but he was hard to understand. Guthrie attributed this to the fact that the Subject always wanted to see things done in a more efficient and better way than they were being done.

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In addition, the Subject loved good organization and was always active in trying to make group endeavors work more smoothly. Guthrie would not name any ~~part~~ of the groups, but said he referred to many kinds of outings or meetings in which people assembled at large gatherings.

The Subject was progressive in his outlook and had liberal views, maintaining that men had the right to organize and bargain collectively. In addition, the Subject was very much in favor of labor unions and most of the Almanacs' bookings were by such unions. According to Guthrie, the Subject's present politics are National Unity. Guthrie emphasized that the Subject is not an overthrower, but he is out to win the war. What the Subject wants personally, is to do Hitler the most damage possible. Guthrie said he had just received a letter stating that the Subject was extremely anxious to be sent on active service and that he could not understand why he was being held inactive in an unassigned group.

Referring to Toshi Ohta, Guthrie said that the girl was the Subject's fiancée and that she had met the Subject shortly before his entrance into the Army of the United States. Guthrie professed to know little about Toshi Ohta, but said she had once been an artist's model and that she ardently hoped for the defeat of the Japanese because of their military aggression. Her father had been ousted from Japan because of his political activities there.

In conclusion, Guthrie stated that he thought the Subject could be trusted in a position of responsibility and that because of the Subject's brilliant mind, it would be a wise thing to utilize the Subject's talents.

AGENT'S NOTE:

This Agent observed hanging on Guthrie's wall, a large guitar on which there appeared the inscription, "This machine kills Fascists." It is this Agent's opinion that this bears out the belief that the Almanac Players were active singing Communist songs and spreading propaganda.

It is this Agent's opinion that Guthrie was truthful as far as he went, but that he knew a great deal more about the Subject's politics and activities than he admitted. Subsequent investigation indicated that he had lived with the Subject for some time and probably knew him very well. (MEMO d)

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Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with Mrs. Mangione, residence check.

On May 3, 1943, this Agent interviewed Mrs. Mangione, 23 Downing Street, New York, N. Y., former landlady of the Subject for about two months.

Mrs. Mangione said that the Subject had leased an apartment in the basement about the middle of May, 1942, ostensibly for the use of the one person. However, the next day, a fellow named Guthrie appeared and although the Subject said he was only visiting, Guthrie established himself permanently with the Subject. A few days later, a girl turned up who also lived with the other two. When Mrs. Mangione remonstrated, she had been told that the new arrival was a sister of one of the boys; however, she believes that the girl's name was Robinson. Mrs. Mangione remembered the girl of slightly Japanese appearance who use to visit the boys. In addition to the persons enumerated above, there were other young men who frequently called and according to Mrs. Mangione, the group was much too noisy most of the time. She characterized them as a disreputable crowd, none of the members of which ever looked neat or clean-cut. Most of them wore lumber jackets and blue denim trousers and frequently appeared carrying guitars and other musical instruments. In July, 1942, the occupants departed and the Subject had said he was about to enter the Army. They had left owing Mrs. Mangione one-half month's rent and the gas company had later appeared trying to collect an unpaid bill for \$4.00. Mrs. Mangione stated that although she did not know the occupants personally, she was glad that they had left.

Mrs. Mangione had later received a post card from the Subject which was postmarked Florida.

AGENT'S NOTE:

It is this Agent's opinion that the Robinson girl was an entertainer who appeared with the Almanacs and was not a sister of either the Subject or Guthrie. (MEMO D)

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Sp. Agent, CIC

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Place. Governors Island, New York

Date... May 5, 1943.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SIEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with Max Gordon, acquaintance.

On May 3, 1943, this Agent interviewed Max Gordon, 178 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y. Gordon is the owner of a nightclub known as the Village Vanguard.

Gordon said that the Almanacs had appeared in his club on two occasions. They had presented ballads and dances. Gordon considered the Almanac material too leftist for the clientele of the nightclub and for that reason, had not engaged them more often. He stated that the Almanacs had made recordings although he did not know the nature of them (MEMO /). The manager of the Almanacs had been a fellow named Mel (Milt) Lampell. The Subject and a fellow named Guthrie had been the other members of the group who stood out in Gordon's mind. A girl named Bessie Lomax had occasionally appeared as an entertainer, but she has since been married and Gordon does not know where she is. A girl named Toshi Ohta had usually accompanied the group, but had not been an entertainer. Gordon had not heard of a girl named Helen Robinson, but thought that she might have been an accordionist that had appeared with the Almanacs.

In the organization, SIEGER had written lyrics for the songs, produced by the group and had also been a guitar player. Gordon considered him to be the most interesting person of the aggregation and thought it was too bad that the Subject was so enthusiastic about his leftist ideas. Gordon pointed out that Guthrie had a book published called "Bound for Glory" which is autobiographical and which is already near the top of the best seller list. In the book, Guthrie related, that his mother had become insane and his sister had met a violent death. Gordon attributed Guthrie's bitter and cynical outlook on life to the hard life he had lead in his youth. Guthrie had been a close friend of the Subject.

Gordon indicated that there had been other members of the band who constituted a rotating membership and many of them had appeared with the group for only one or two engagements. Gordon while admitting that the material of the group was leftist and inflammatory in nature, stated that the boys were nice fellows and he considered them harmless. For this reason, he could see no reason why the Subject should not be trusted with a position of responsibility.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with Bernard Schultz, acquaintance.

On May 3, 1943, this Agent interviewed Bernard Schultz, 430 Sixth Avenue, New York, N. Y., owner of the building where the Almanacs formerly had their headquarters.

Schultz said about May, 1942, a girl named Bessie Lomax had appeared and had signed the lease for one year, for a five-room apartment in the rear of the quarters at the above address. Although it was understood that two persons were to occupy the quarters, Schultz said that most of the time there were five or six men occupying the place and also an indeterminate number of women.

Schultz said that the crowd had been a noisy and troublesome crowd and he considered the members individually to be a disreputable, no account type of individual. He believed that there had been several Okalhom/ans in the group.

The crowd had often been heard playing and singing musical selections and he understood that they were known as the Almanac Players who secured their bookings through the International Workers Order. Schultz remembered the Subject whom he considered to be the leader of the group, but Schultz thought him to be just as erratic as the other members and thought that he stood out only because he had had more education. It was the Subject who wrote the lyrics or the ballads which the Almanac Players presented.

Although the group paid its rent while it was in residence, the members had departed about December, 1942, and Schultz stated that he was glad to see them go in spite of the fact that they had broken their lease.

AGENT'S NOTE:

The quarters described above consisted of two rooms designed as residential quarters in the rear of a dilapidated and virtually deserted office building. This Agent interviewed the other occupant, Benjamin Zenach, who said he knew nothing of the Almanacs, but that this Agent could secure more information by calling the Education Department of the International Workers Order.

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By a phone call to the International Workers Order, this Agent determined that the remaining members of the Almanac Players were now in Detroit, Michigan. Nothing else could be determined. The telephone call was made under pretext and the Subject was not mentioned.

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Agent, CIC

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Date June 4, 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject PETER SEDGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Review of G-2 Files: Japanese-American Committee for Democracy

On May 4, 1943, this Agent reviewed the report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City, at G-2, Hq. 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, New York, regarding the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy. The following information is an extract from reports dated as indicated as follows:

Report dated April 15, 1942:

The J.A.C.D. was organized in the fall of 1940 and became relatively more active after December 7, 1941. Membership is offered to all loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry, and Japanese residents loyal to the United States. Its published aim is to promote better Japanese-American understanding and to promote the economic, social, and cultural status of the Japanese community.

The JACD was organized by former members of the Tozai Club (now defunct) who were irked at the control exerted by the Japanese Consul and the attempt of the Tozai officers to bind the nisei to ancient Japanese ideology. The JACD, after December 7, 1941, made a great display of patriotism with blood donor drives and telegrams to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secretary of War, etc., expressing loyalty to the United States.

A confidential informant, however, stated that Yoshitaka Takagi, executive secretary, was a Communist and the JACD was a front. The following names conned from letterheads and literature of the organization represent officers and advisors who are prominent in numerous alleged Communist front organizations:

American
Roger Baldwin, director, ~~American~~ Civil Liberties Union, member 9 organizations
Pearl Buck, author, member 2 organizations
Abner Green, educational director, member 2 organizations
Yasuo Kuniyoshi, instructor, member 3 organizations
Rev. Edward L. Parsons, cleric, member 6 organizations
Bishop Francis J. McConnell, cleric, member 12 organizations
Eatherine Terrill, member 14 organizations
Prof. Franz Boas, professor, member 22 organizations
Dr. Albert Einstein, mathematician, member 5 organizations

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Signed.....

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation secured a file from the JACD office in which there appeared a page on Council for Democracy letterhead. There appeared in longhand this anonymous statement, "All three are known radicals and Communists. Every action of Communist movement or any activities going on, those 3 appear. Each of them is active--American People's Mobilization for Victory over Fascism." The names of Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Alden Whitman, and Katherine Terrill follow.

Report dated May 5, 1942:

Two agents of the F.B.I. attended a mass meeting sponsored by the JACD at the Hotel Diplomat, New York City, on April 15, 1942. They report on the speakers as follows:

Dr. A. Clayton Powell, negro, spoke mainly against Jim Crowism and racial discrimination; urged an Abraham Lincoln Brigade; and deplored the allotting of menial tasks to negroes in the U. S. Army.

Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, German refugee, urged the Japanese not to trust Hitler as Hitler was thinking in terms of world domination and considered the Japs as "brown monkeys." Rosenfeld insisted on racial equality.

Pearl Buck, author, spoke mostly of cultural preservation and said that Chinese and Japanese should not be barred from the United States.

Lin Liang Mo, Chinese, said he had fought against the Japanese in the Chinese Army and he knew there was an undercurrent of opposition to Japanese militarism existing in the Japanese Army. He cited instances of poor treatment of Chinese seamen by whites. He finished by singing a song whose dominant phrase was "We are brothers, we are brothers."

Yasuo Kanishi (phonetic), Japanese artist, gave a monotonous speech telling how he had been born in Japan, but that he had no desire to return. He was weakly applauded.

At this point a group of five people, playing guitars, rendered a song, one of which symbolized confusion during an air raid alert; another was "Dancing Around Hitler's Grave;" the third was "Assembly Line Civil."

Roger Baldwin, of the Civil Liberties Union, spoke against the segregation of Japanese in America and enumerated their hardships.

Bart Shilling spoke as a former member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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At the close of the meeting, leaflets announcing the 20th anniversary of the Young Communist League were distributed. Others advertised the Russian movie, "The Guerilla Brigade" and the Russian Skazka restaurant. On the street a man was selling the DAILY WORKER when the meeting broke up.

The agents noted that in many instances whites and colored people arrived together and apparently were close friends."

AGENTS NOTE:

It is the opinion of this Agent that the musical rendition was by the Almanac Players of which the Subject of this investigation is a member.

Note: An F.B.I., New York, summary report, dated November 15, 1942, indicated that Baldwin had resigned from the JACD because of its refusal to join in a campaign in support of a test case on the issue of the legality of West Coast evacuations of Nisei. Toshi Ohta (fiancee of the Subject) is listed as a member of the executive board.

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Agent, CIC

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Date: June 4, 1943
Case No. II - b11701m
IV b1526m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEIGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Inspection of G-2 Files: Survey Associates, Inc.

On May 3, 1943, this Agent inspected the records of G-2, E., 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, New York, regarding Survey Associates, Inc., publishers of Survey Graphic. The Subject's fiancée is said to be an employee of this concern as was her father.

The report indicates that the Survey Graphic in 1937 exhibited "reasonable liberalism." However, in December, 1942, the magazine appeared in all U.S.O. reading rooms and the publisher stated that subscription had been given by an anonymous person.

Review of the magazine at this time disclosed that it was mostly devoted to the Negro problem, and it featured inflammatory racial questions.

The content is otherwise generally rabble rousing and acceptance of Russian methods is a recurrent theme.

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Signed.....

Typed: HARWOOD E. RYAN,
Sp. Agent, CIC

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Date... June 5, 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Inspection of G-2 records: Toshi Ohta, acquaintance

On May 3, 1943, this Agent inspected the records of the District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, at Hq. 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, N. Y., regarding Toshi Ohta, reported fiancée of the Subject. (See CI-R1, IV b1526m, dated March 25, 1943). The following information was taken from the record.

Toshi Eileen Ohta, 76 Washington Square South, New York, N. Y., is the daughter of Takashi Ohta (See below) and Virginia Harper Berry, with whom she lives. The mother is a United States citizen. Subject was born May 12, 1920, at Munich, Germany, and is now recording secretary for the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy. The F.B.I. is cognizant.

Takasha Ohta was born in Isuminura, Ehime, Ken, Japan, on 7/3/91; attended high school at Matsu Yama and one year at the University of Waseda, Tokyo. During 1912-1913, he assisted his father in raising funds for Dr. Sun for the First Revolution for Birth of Chinese Republic and was a Lieutenant in the Chinese Army during the revolution. He went to Brazil and worked there from 1913-1915, helping immigrants as interpreter in San Paulo. He worked on a British tanker during World War I. After the war he became employed at the Touchstone Art Gallery, New York, and also taught jiu jitsu. From 1919-1922, he was employed as technician at the Provincetown Play House, New York, New York. From 1923-1926 at Hedgerow Theatre, Moylan, Pa., 1926-1928, Woodstock Play House, Woodstock, New York; 1929-1931, W.P.A. Federal Theatre, New York, N.Y.; 1932-1938, he worked at advertising. From 1938-1941, he lived at the estate of William Jenks, a friend, in Norristown, New Jersey. During this period he wrote on his South American and United States experiences and continued to give jiu jitsu lessons. He has written articles against present form of government in Japan. He uses pen names, Moto, Taka, and Homare. He married Virginia Berry in Washington, D. C. There is a son Homare Allen Ohta, presently at the College of St. John, Annapolis, Maryland (See below). All members of the family in the U. S. belong to the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy. Ohta states that he never has belonged to the Communist Party.

Homare Allen Ohta is reported to have circularized a petition in Annapolis, Maryland, on behalf of Earl Browder.

(MEMO H)

Signed.....
Typed..... HARWOOD E. RYAN
Sp. Agent, CIC

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Date... June 5, 1943
Case No. II - b11701m
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Inspection of G-2 Files: Almanac Singers and Players

On May 3, 1943, this Agent inspected the records of G-2, Hq., 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, New York, regarding the Almanac Players, a group of musicians to which the Subject belonged. The following information was extracted from the record.

A circular advertisement appeared for the Almanac Singers & Players. This bore endorsements by Mike Gold, writer for the DAILY WORKER; Mickey Horowitz, educational director of the International Workers Order; and the New Masses.

Attention is called to the fact that about June, 1941, a group of seditious records began to be heard. They attempted to stir up resentment for the Selective Service Act and to the entry of the United States into the war. Names included: "Get Out and Stay Out of the War;" "Jim Crow;" "G as for Conscription;" "Washington Breakdown;" etc. These records were believed to have been produced in New York, New York, and they were advertised and recommended by the DAILY WORKER.

Another report dated April 14, 1942, stated that Woody Guthrie (friend of the Subject) was a member of the group. The group's propaganda disseminated by song and ballad. The lyrics were in keeping with the Communist Party line.

Mention is made of an unidentified young woman, associated with the group, who is of Japanese extraction, and who is said to have once been a Russian-Japanese translator for the Japanese government. She was exiled from Japan because of Communistic activities.

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Signed.....

Typed HARWOOD E. RYAN.....

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Governors Island, N. Y.
Place June 5, 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Inspection of G-2 Files concerning Eli Jaffe

On May 3, 1943, this Agent inspected the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York at the Headquarters, 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, New York, regarding one Eli Jaffe, who is reported to be a friend of the Subject (CI-R1, IV 1526m, dated March 25, 1943). The following information was secured from the records:

Report dated May 2, 1942:

Eli Jaffe, alias Charles Daniels, Clarence Daniels, James Elliott, Eli Jaffes, Frank Wise. F.B.I. agents saw Jaffe at a celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Young Communist League at Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on April 20, 1942.

Report dated November 7, 1942:

Jaffe married Wilma Esther Lewis of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 9/27/42. She was active in the Young Communist League in Oklahoma City. Jaffe's New York address is given as 322 West 15th Street. The DAILY OKLAHOMAN stated that Robert Wood, former Oklahoma State Secretary of the Communist Party, Ina Wood, his wife, Alan Shaw, present secretary of the Party, and Eli Jaffe, former head of the Young Communist League in Oklahoma, appeared in appeal arguments before the Criminal Court of Appeals in Oklahoma City on September 9, 1942, in a Criminal Syndicalism case. Jaffe's father was Lithuanian, his mother, Russian. His occupation, as it appears on his marriage license, is that of newspaper writer.

Report dated April 20, 1943:

Jaffe and his wife are now living in Oklahoma as the Oklahoma State Criminal Court of Appeals has refused to allow him to leave the state, pending disposition of the criminal syndicalism charge. The original charge that he is a Communist has been reversed on technical grounds, but he is still charged with the sale of Communist literature. Jaffe is now living on the farm of his wife's parents on the outskirts of Oklahoma City. He is reported to want to be classified as 1A instead of 4F so he can enter the Army of the United States.

(MEMO J)

Signed... HANWOOD E. RYAN,
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Sp. Agent, CIC

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Date June 4, 1943.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Inspection of Birth Records, New York, N. Y.

On May 1, 1943, this Agent inspected the records of the Department of Health, Manhattan, New York, N. Y. The following information was extracted from the records:

Name: PETER SEEGER
Date of birth: May 13, 1919, Manhattan, New York
Place: St. Elizabeth Hospital, 415 West 51st Street, New York City
Father: Charles Louis Seeger, Jr.
Paterson, New Jersey
Born: Mexico City, Mexico
Age: 32
Occupation: Musician
Mother: Constance Seeger
Paterson, New Jersey
Born: Denver, Colorado
Age: 32
Other children: Two

(MEMO K)

Signed.....

Typed ... HARWOOD E. EVAN,
Sgt Agent, CIC

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Place Governors Island, N. Y.
Date June 5, 1943
Case No. II bl1701m
IV bl526m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: **PETER SEEGER, Pvt.**
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: **Investigation of John Seeger**

On May 6, 1943, this Agent interviewed Mrs. J. Dauchs, Three Minetta Lane, New York City, superintendent of the apartment in which John Seeger lives. This Agent sought information as to the relationship of John Seeger to the Subject.

Mrs. Dauchs said that John Seeger and his wife, Eleanor, occupied apartment 40 at the above address. They had come from Pawling, New York, in July, 1942. John is a woodworking instructor in a school, and Eleanor is a teacher. Both plan to leave soon to spend the summer at a summer camp.

Mrs. Dauchs did not know whether John Seeger had a relative named **PETER SEEGER.**

AGENT'S NOTE:

This Agent visited neighboring tenants of the Seegers, but was unable to secure additional information.

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Signed.....
Typed **HARWOOD E. RYAN,**
/Sp. Agent, CIC

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Date... June 5, 1943
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34395466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Inspection of records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: Almanac Players

On May 1, 1943, this Agent inspected the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York, New York, and the following information appeared in the records.

An article appeared on January 1, 1943, in the NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM, quoting the DAILY WORKER as stating that the Almanac Singers are the pride of the Communist Party.

Prior to the entry of the United States into the war, the Almanacs sang songs condemning the President and Congress. They were against conscription with songs like "Every Fourth Boy Will Be Plowed Under." Since our entry into the war, they have urged further aid to Russia.

It is believed that this organization is subsidized by the Communist Party, and it is frequently praised by the "DAILY WORKER." The Almanacs now travel under the auspices of the Office of Civilian Defense, entertaining defense workers and Communist meetings.

Nicholas Ray Lomax, alias Raymond Nicholas Krenzle, 235 East 22nd Street, New York City, is a member. He is also program director for the Office of War Information.

Bess Brown Lomax, formerly 242 East 19th Street, New York City, and 577 Second Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, was a member of the Almanacs. She is now employed by the Office of War Information. She was born January 21, 1921, in Austin, Texas.

Other members are Joe Bowers, Pete Bowers, Siss Cunningham, Arthur Steon, and Dutch Bowers.

(MEMO M)

Signed.....

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S. Agent, CIC

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Place Governors Island, N. Y.
Date June 5, 1943
Case No. II 611701m
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Reesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Agency Check

The following information was received on an agency check
made on Subject:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York	NR
District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District	NR
Censorship of New York	NR
U. S. Civil Service Commission	NR
New York City Police Department	
Bureau of Information	NR
Bureau of Criminal Identification	NR
Criminal Alien Bureau (Radical Activities)	NR
Old Records	NR
Sp. Squad #1 (Subversive Squad)	NR
Credit Bureau of New York	NR
Department of Health (birth certificate) (See MEMO K)	R

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Signed.....
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HARWOOD E. RYAN
Sp. Agent, CIC

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

MAY 27 1943

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Kramer	_____
Mr. McGuire	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L. R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

~~May 8, 1943~~ (Date)

Case No. VIII-

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: ⁸
PETER SWEENEY, Pvt.
ASN 54835466
307th Tech Sch Sq
Keenler Field, Mississippi

Re : ONI Check.

The District Intelligence Office, Eighth Naval District, New Orleans, Louisiana, reports no record of Subject as of

May 8, 1943.

Signed _____

James L. Kelly

Special Agent, CIC

(MEMO _____)

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Place Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Date May 7, 1943
Case No. VIII -10628m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech Sch. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi
Re: F. B. I. Check, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

On May 7, 1943, Miss Virginia White, Clerk, District Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reported that office had no record of Subject as of that date.

Grady Elms
Special Agent, CIC

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

MAY 21 1943

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
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For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L. R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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**WAR DEPARTMENT
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION**

File No. IV B 1526m Investigation requested by P.I.O. Keesler Field, Miss.
 Date May 8, 1943 Office of origin Dir. MID, 4th Serv. Command
 Report made at Miami, Fla.
 Subject: PETER SCHOENIS, PRIVATE, Report made by Gano J. Lenora, Agent, CIC
ASN 34335466 Period covered April 15, 1943 to April 20, 1943
307th Tech. Sch. Sq., Character of investigation Misceffaction
Keesler Field, Mississippi Status of Case PENDING

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

Subject wrote letter protesting and criticising the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, citizens or not, after the war and barring all Japanese descendants from citizenship. The Post Intelligence Keesler Field, Miss., requested a background investigation of the Subject. A CI-R1 report was prepared at Keesler Field, Miss., dated March 25, 1943, File IV B 1526m. This report contained undeveloped leads in the 4th Serv. Command. The Dir. 4th Serv. Command requested S/A in charge CIC District #56, Miami, Fla., to investigate the undeveloped leads prepare report there of on form CI-R1.

DETAILS:Fourteen-Point Topic Outline:Investigation Copies To:G-2 II 71 SC Personal Data:G-2 VI SC Birth:

P10 Present Age:

Dist. CIC Aliases:

Physical description:

Information Copies To

G-2 SC Marital Status:G-2 SC Family Data:Dist. CIC Father:

FBI

Mother:

Grandmother:

New York City, New York, May 3, 1919. (Memo J)

24 years. (Memo J)

Known professionally as PETER ROGER. (Memo J)

Male; height, 73½ inches; weight, 140; eyes, blue; hair, brown; complexion, ruddy. (Memo J)

Unmarried. (Memo J)

ENCLOSURE

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Chas. Louis Seeger, 9609 Fairway Ave., Silver Springs, Md. (Memo J)

Constance Seeger; born in Denver Colorado, age 55, former address, P.O. Box 761 Little River Fla.; present address, 3374 SW 26th St., Miami, Fla., music teacher, considered loyal. (Memo J, A, B, C, D)

Mrs. Tracy Edison, former address, 1211 S. Bayshore Br., Miami, Fla.; present address in New York not known. (Memo E)

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Director.

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DETAILS: (Cont'd)

3. Education:

Harvard University; 1 year and 6 months, date not known.
(Memo J)

4. Employment:

1940-1942; Singer and musician, working on his own.
(Memo J)
1940 (sporadically) farmer, general day labor. Address
unknown. (Memo J)
1939 (for two months); clerk, checking orders. Address
unknown. (Memo J)

5. Military History:

Accepted for military service at Local Board #2, Jackson
County, Scottsboro, Ala., ASN 34335466 (Memo F)
July 23, 1942, Fort Mc Clellan, Ala. (Memo J)

6. Unit Check:

Rex P. Mulligan, Captain, 413 T.O. (formerly 593 P.C.G.)
B.T.C. #4, AAFPC, Miami Beach, Fla. Negative. (Memo F)
Lt. Hargon Baker, Adj. same address. Negative. (Memo F)
M/Sgt. F.L. Young, chief clerk, same address. Negative.
(Memo F)
S/Sgt. T.J. Malley, same address. Negative. (Memo F)
S/Sgt. H.R. Mensing, same address. Negative. (Memo F)
S/Sgt Gratton, Miami, Beach, Fla. Negative. (Memo F)

7. Addresses:

1909 1st Ave., room 211, Birmingham, Ala. data unknown.
(Memo J M)
5/1/42 - 5/6/42 S.D. Schmidt, 5947 Kenwood (garage apt.)
Chicago, Ill. (Memo J)
4/24/42 - 5/1/42; S.L. Callbreath, 5521 Cass Ave., Detroit,
Mich. (Memo J)
3/23/42 - 4/4/42; S.V. Schneider Hotel, S.V. Lawler, Milwau-
kee, Wis. (Memo J)
1942; 430 6th Ave., New York City. (Memo J)
3/14/41; 10001 Dallas Ave., Silver Spring, Md. (Memo J)
70 E. 12th St. New York City. (Memo J)
130 W. 10th St. New York City. (Memo J)
23 Downing St. New York City. (Memo J)
27 Jane St. New York City. (Memo J)
647 Hudson St. New York City. (Memo J)

Dated Unknown;

8. Barrack Check:

O/C H.S. Rice, Miami Beach, Fla. (S) (Memo G)

9. Organization:

None.

10. Principal Associates:

None.

11. References:

None.

12. Acquaintances:

See barrack check above.

13. Credit Record:

N/A (Memo H)

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14. Police Record: Post Intelligence and Provost Marshal offices, Miami Beach, Florida; FBI, ONI, Birmingham, Alabama. NR (Memos I, 4)

Adverse Information: None.

Undeveloped Leads:

Request investigation in details for addresses, background, associations and leads from the following:

1. Director MID 2nd Service Command:

1. 70 E. 12th St., New York City, former address of Subject, dates unknown. (Memo J)
2. 130 W. 10th St., New York City, former address of Subject, dates unknown. (Memo J)
3. 647 Hudson St., New York City, former address of Subject, dates unknown. (Memo J)
4. 27 Jane St., New York City, former address of Subject, dates unknown. (Memo J)

2. Director MID 3rd Service Command:

1. Chas. Louis Seeger, father, 9609 Fairway Ave., Silver Springs, Md. (Memo J)
2. 10001 Dallas Ave., former address of Subject, 3/14/41. (Memo J)

3. Director MID 6th Service Command:

1. L. Gilbreath, 5521 Cass Ave., Detroit, Michigan, former address of Subject, 4/24/42 - 5/1/42. (Memo J)
2. D. Schmidt, 5547 Kenwood Ave., (garage apartment) Chicago, Illinois, former address of Subject, 5/1/41 - 5/6/42. (Memo J)
3. c/o V. Lawler, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, former address of Subject, 3/23/42 - 4/4/42. (Memo J)

Remarks and Conclusion:

Investigation revealed that Subject was in Miami, Florida, for approximately one month during 1939, and was at Miami Beach, Florida, for a short period during Subject's Army basic training. Further investigation revealed that Subject resided at 1909 1/2 1st Ave., Birmingham, Alabama, at time of Subject's registration for the draft. Only two persons knew the Subject. Due to short period time that Subject was in Miami Beach and in Birmingham, Alabama, very little information was obtained regarding Subject.

Recommendations:

Due to the short period of time that Subject has been in Miami Beach, and in Birmingham, Alabama, and in view of the fact that very little information has been found concerning Subject, this Agent recommends that the status of the case remain pending in the 4th Service Command until all undeveloped leads have been exploited in all Service Commands.

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Miami, Florida
April 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.
Kessler Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with Mrs. Britton, neighbor.

On April 17, 1943, this Agent interviewed Mrs. Britton, 3374 S. W. 25th Street, Miami, Florida, regarding Subject.

Informant advised this Agent that she has never seen Subject and knows very little about him; that what little she knows was told to her by Subject's mother. Mrs. Britton stated that through Subject's mother, Mrs. Seeger, she learned that Subject was in the Army and stationed at Kessler Field; that Subject was supposed to be an airplane mechanic; also, that Subject was engaged to be married, but Informant could give no information regarding Subject's fiancée.

According to Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Seeger lived in a trailer in the rear of her home; that she rented the space to Mrs. Seeger for \$2.00 a week; that Mrs. Seeger has lived there a year and a month. Informant went on to say that Mrs. Seeger was a music teacher, teaching at the Conservatory of Music at Miami, Florida. Through Mrs. Seeger, Informant learned that Subject was associated with the Almanac Singers and that on two or three occasions, Mrs. Seeger listened to the Almanac Singers over the radio. According to Informant, Mrs. Seeger generally spoke about music and food, being quite a fanatic about foods. Mrs. Britton said that Mrs. Seeger associated with a Mr. Anderson, a Mrs. Fogart, and a Mrs. Leahy, all of whom visited Mrs. Seeger.

Mrs. Britton remarked that Mrs. Seeger was planning to go to Nassau and that Mrs. Seeger had been accompanied by Mr. Anderson to the British Consulate to get details about obtaining a passport. Informant further stated that Mrs. Edison, mother of Mrs. Seeger, had visited with Mrs. Seeger for a month or so, and that two or three weeks ago, Mrs. Edison left for New York. Mrs. Edison, according to Informant, is 86 years old.

Informant concluded by saying that she has never heard Mrs. Seeger make any derogatory remarks about our Government and that her conversations dealt mostly with music and food.

GENE J. LEFORE,
Agent, CIC.

(MEMO H)

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Miami, Florida
April 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: A. L. Arnold - Residence Check

On April 17, 1943, this Agent interviewed A. L. Arnold, 3371 S.W. 25th Street, Miami, Florida, regarding Subject.

Informant advised that he has lived at the above address for the past two years and that Mrs. Constance Seeger has lived in a trailer in the rear of 3374 S. W. 25th Street, for the past year. According to the Informant, he has never seen Subject and knows of Subject only through conversations with Subject's mother. Arnold said that Subject's mother is an accomplished musician and gives music lessons at the Miami Conservatory of Music at Miami, Florida. Informant further advised that the only organization or club that Mrs. Seeger belongs to is the American Red Cross (Casualty Station) in Coral Gables; that Mrs. Seeger is very enthusiastic about the Red Cross and on one occasion, took Informant's wife with her. Mr. Arnold stated that he heard Mrs. Seeger mention that Subject is a very adept musician and that he made his living thusly; that Subject sent money home to his mother every month. Informant went on to say that from conversations with Mrs. Seeger, he learned that Mrs. Seeger was planning a trip to Nassau. Arnold said that Mrs. Seeger used his telephone on numerous occasions and that all her calls pertained to business.

Mr. Arnold was of the opinion that Mrs. Seeger is pro-British. This opinion was formed by Informant through conversations with Mrs. Seeger. Informant advised that Mrs. Seeger's mother, Mrs. Edison, a woman of about 86 years old, lived with her for about a month or so; that Mrs. Edison went back to New York two or three weeks ago. According to the Informant, Subject's mother and father are divorced; that Subject's father is believed to be in Washington, D. C.; that Subject's father is somehow connected with music - that he composes and edits Pan-American music.

In conclusion, Mr. Arnold stated that his impression of Mrs. Seeger was that of a loyal American; that he has never heard her say anything against the Government.

GENE J. LEPORE,
Agent, CIC.

(MEMO B)

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Miami, Florida
April 19, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Interview with Dennis McDonough.

On April 17, 1943 this Agent interviewed Dennis McDonough, mail clerk, Little River Post Office, Little River, Fla., regarding Subject.

Mr. McDonough told this Agent that a Mrs. Seeger held Box 761 in the Little River Post Office from December 1939 to December 1942; that a forwarding addressee was left, said address being 3374 SW 25th St. Miami, Fla. Mr. McDonough further advised that the address given on the application for a mail Box dated 12/11/39 was William Trailer Lot, 2nd Ave. At 70th St. Informant stated that he knew neither Subject nor Subject's mother.

GENE J. LEPORE
Agent, GIC

Memo C

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Miami, Florida
April 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Interview with Mrs. Williams.

On April 17, 1943, this Agent interviewed Mrs. Williams, owner of the Williams Trailer Lot Park located at N.E. 2nd Avenue and 70th Street, Miami, Florida, regarding Subject.

Mrs. Williams advised this Agent that Mrs. Seeger had rented trailer space at her trailer lot in 1939 and stayed until December 1942.

Informant stated that Mrs. Seeger was a music teacher and gave violin lessons; that she had very little to do or say to Mrs. Seeger; that she, the Informant, took care of all telephone calls for Mrs. Seeger and that all phone messages pertained to making an appointment for a music lesson, or cancelling an appointment for a music lesson.

Informant said that sometime in 1941, Subject visited his mother at the Parking Lot and stayed for a month, after which Subject left for the West Coast. Mrs. Williams said that she saw Subject only once and could give no opinion regarding him.

According to Informant, she never heard Mrs. Seeger make any remarks against the United States and concluded by saying that it was her belief that no one presently living at the Trailer Lot could give any information regarding the Subject or the Subject's mother.

GENE J. LEFORE,
Agent, CIC.

(MEMO D)

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Miami, Florida
April 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Interview with Mrs. B. LeClercq.

On April 19, 1943, this Agent interviewed Mrs. LeClercq, 1211 S. Bayshore Dr., Miami, Fla., regarding Subject.

Informant advised this Agent that she did not know Subject, that she had never heard his name mentioned. Informant, however, stated that Mrs. Tracy Edson, Subject's grandmother, had lived at the above address for the past year, that Mrs. Edson had left Miami about three weeks ago, for New York. Informant stated that she had found Mrs. Edson to be a charming old lady, and considered her to be a loyal American.

Gene J. Lepore,
Agent, CIC

Memo E

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Miami, Florida.
April 15, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: SIEGER, PETER, Pvt.,
ASN 34335466,
307 T.S.S.,
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re: Unit Checks.

On April 15, 1943, this Agent accompanied by Agent Sims interviewed Capt. Rex P. Mulligan, Commanding Officer, Lt. Margan Baker, Adj., M/Sgt. F. L. Young, Chief Clerk, S/Sgt T. J. Malley, and S/Sgt H. R. Mensing all of the 413 T.C. (formerly 595 T.S.S.) BTC #4, AAFTTC, Miami Beach, Fla. regarding Subject.

None of the above stated Informants knew Subject.

RICHARD N. LEWIS,
Agent, CIO.

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Miami, Florida.
April 15, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: ~~SEBASTIAN~~, PETER, Pvt.,
ASN 34335466,
307 T.S.S.,
Keesler, Field, Miss.

Re: Barracks Check.

On April 15, 1943, this Agent accompanied by Agent Sims interviewed O/C H. S. Rice, former member of the 595 T.S.S., BTC #4, AAFTC, Miami Beach, Florida regarding Subject.

Informant stated that he had known Subject casually having taken basic training together for about ten days to two weeks and having roomed in the same hotel during this time. Informant described Subject as being between 20 and 24 years of age, tall, a pretty good singer who had lead singing, intelligent, well educated and a person with a very smooth personality. Informant stated that although Subject was not a trouble maker he was inclined to "goof off", that is, a person who tried to evade work and get out of obeying commands.

Informant stated that due to the brief period of association with Subject he could not attest to his character or loyalty. Informant stated that he had never heard anything derogatory concerning loyalty of Subject.

RICHARD N. LEWIS,
Agent, CIO.

(MEMO G)

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Miami, Florida.
April 15, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: ~~SECRET~~, PETER, Pvt.,
ASN 34935466,
307 T. S. S.,
Kessler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Barracks Check.

On April 15, 1943 this Agent accompanied by Agent Sims interviewed S/Sgt. Gratton, 422nd T. C., AAFPTC, Miami Beach, Florida regarding the Subject.

Informant stated that although he was the drill instructor of the flight to which the Subject was assigned in the 595 T. S. S., AAFPTC, Miami Beach, Florida he does not recall the Subject.

RICHARD W. LEWIS,
Agent, CIG.

(MEMO H)

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Miami, Florida.
April 15, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: SKEGGER, PETER, Pvt.,
ASN 34335466,
307 T.S.S.,
Keesler Field, Miss.

Re: S-2, Provost Marshal, and 201 File Checks.

On April 13, 1943, this Agent accompanied by Agent Sims inspected the files of the S-2, Provost Marshal and 201 files all of BTC #4, AAFTC, Miami Beach, Florida regarding Subject.

None of the above stated files contained any information as regards Subject.

RICHARD N. LEWIS,
Agent, CIO.

(MEMO I)

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Birmingham, Alabama
April 29, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.
ASN. 34335466, 307th T. S. S.
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Record Check.
Local Board #2, Jackson County
Scottsboro, Alabama

On April 26, 1943, this Agent interviewed Miss Mary A. Riley, Local Board #2, Jackson County, Scottsboro, Ala., in connection with the investigation of PETER SEEGER.

The Informant produced the record of Subject from which this Agent extracted the following:

Name: PETER SEEGER
Address: 1909 1/2 First Ave., Room 211, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama
Race: White Order #: 2468 Serial #: 1423
Alias: Also been known professionally as PETER BOWERS
Temporary Residence: W.C.L. Seeger, Fairlea, Patterson, Putnam Co., New York, N.Y.
Social Security #: 074-16-6625
Attended: Harvard College, taking General Course, 1 year & 6 months.
Profession: Singer & Musician, for two years previous to date. Earnings: \$20 weekly.
He was an independent worker, working on his own, hiring no help.
Former occupations during past 5 yrs.: Clerk, checking orders (2 months, 1939)
Farmer, general day labor, unskilled, 1940 (sporadically)
Single and no dependents.
Born: May 3, 1919 at New York, N. Y.—Citizen. No conviction of treason or a felony.
Questionnaire was sworn to on June 16, 1941 at New York.
Subject was temporarily classified 1-A on March 9, 1942; 1-A again May 20, 1942 and was sent from Scottsboro to Ft. McClellan on July 23, 1942. He did not take his 14 day furlough. Was placed in Class 1-G August 4, 1942.
Description: Height, 6' 1 1/2"; Weight, 140; Eyes, Blue; Hair, Brown; Age, 21
Complexion, Ruddy.
Father's Address: Chas. Louis Seeger, 9509 Fairway Ave., Silver Springs, Md.
Screen Medical Exam. was given Subject by Local Bd. #17, 412 6th St., New York City, N. Y. around April 22, 1942.
His Army Serial Number was listed as 34335466.

The following information was extracted by this Agent from an Affidavit dated December 2, 1941 made by Subject's mother, Constance Seeger: She gave her address as P.O. Box 761, Little River Sta., Miami, Florida. Her affidavit was to the effect that she was partly dependent on Subject; that he contributed approximately \$100.00 yearly for the past two years to her support, and hoped to begin sending her \$30.00 a month; that she was 55 years of age, born at Denver, Colo.; that she gave up her job in 1939 and went to Florida because of ill health; and that she was then living in a house in Little River, Pa., teaching music lessons. Her mother was living with her.

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Also among Subject's record was a report made by Welfare Board, Dade County, District #9, 31 N. E. First St., Miami, Fla. dated February 25, 1942 from which the following was extracted:

Subject's mother taught violin and was employed by Miami Conservatory of Music. She had been connected with Julliard School in New York, but was granted a leave of absence because of health. She lived at 3374 S. W. 25th St., Miami, Fla.

She told the Welfare Investigator that Subject had been sending her \$10.00 a month irregularly; that she made between \$500.00 and \$800 a year, maybe a little more; and that she would attempt to get along without Subject's help so that he could go into the Army.

Below are listed Subject's change of addresses as given to the Board, together with the dates at each address when they are known:

10001 Dallas Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland (3/14/41)

70 East 12th St., New York City, N. Y.

130 West 10th Street, New York City.

430 6th Ave., New York City. (after May 6, 1942)

23 Downing St., New York City.

647 Hudson St., New York City.

21. Gilbreath, 5521 Cass Ave., Detroit, Mich. (4/24/42 - 5/1/42)

20. Schmidt, 5547 Kenwood (garage Apt.) Chicago, Ill. (5/1/42 - 5/6/42)

XV. Lawler, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis. (3/23/42 - 4/4/42) Theatrical Tour.

27 Jane Street, New York City.

Subject also went on a Theatrical Tour around the latter part of 1941 across country to the West Coast. This was around October, and he was on this tour for 3 or 4 weeks. The tour included the larger cities between New York and San Francisco.

WILLIAM J. QUALLS
Agent, CIC.

(MEMO 5)

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Birmingham, Alabama
May 8, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: PETER BRECHT, Pvt.
ASN 34335466, 307th T.S.S.
Reesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Credit Check,
Retail Credit Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

On the above date this Agent interviewed L.A. McAllister,
Mgr., Retail Credit Company, Brown Mark Bldg., Birmingham, Alabama
in connection with the investigation of PETER BRECHT.

No record was found on Subject in the above agency.

LUCIUS D. FULLER
Special Agent, CIO.

(MEMO K)

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Birmingham, Alabama.
May 4, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: PETER (NMI) SENGEL, Pvt.
ASN 34335466, 307th. T.S.S.
Reesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: FBI and ONI Checks,
Birmingham, Alabama.

On May 3, 1943, this Agent checked the records FBI and ONI Birmingham, Alabama Offices in connection with the investigation of PETER SENGEL.

No record was found on Subject in the above agencies.

LOUIS M. DUBES
Agent, CIC

(MEMO L)

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Birmingham, Ala.
April 29, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: PETER BREMER, Pvt.
ASN 34335466, 307th T.S.G.
Reesler Field, Mississippi

Re: Address Check; Room 211
1909 1/2 First Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

On the above date, this agent checked the address of Room 211 at 1909 1/2 First Ave., No., Birmingham, Ala., PETER BREMER having given such address, minus indicating that it was North First Ave., in the papers which he gave to his draft board at the time of registration at Scottsboro, Ala.

There is an office building at 1909 1/2 First Ave., North, Birmingham, Ala., but in this building there is no such room number as 211.

A check of the city directories shows that there is also a 1909 1/2 First Ave., South, but this is a small mercantile building, and there are no separate rooms listed.

Agent's Note: It is noted that the local Communist Party headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. where Bob Hall, the party secretary for District #16, has his office is in the Clark Building, in room 211 of that building. The Clark Building is about three blocks from 1909 1/2 First Ave. No., but its side entrance has a similar number on Third Ave., No., this being 1920 or 1930 (the number is not on the door). This information is set down here to indicate a possible unconscious act on Subject's part in putting down an address which was similar to one with which he was quite likely familiar.

LEONARD D. FULLER
Special Agent, CIO.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington
APR 26 1943

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L. R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

Enclosures:

*Copies of following
War Dept communications
sent to N.Y. 3/21/43, 5/27/43, 6/25/43
4/26/43, 8/2/43, 8/3/43
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**WAR DEPARTMENT
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION**

CONFIDENTIALFile No. IV B 1526 mDate March 25, 1943

Subject: PETER SEIDER, Private,
ASN 34535466,
307th Tech. Sch. Sq.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Investigation requested by P.I.O., Keesler Field, Miss.Office of origin Dir., MID, Hq., 4th Service CommandReport made at Keesler Field, MississippiReport made by Wm. H. Wisco, 1st Lt., A.C., Asst. PIOPeriod covered November 18, 1942 to March 28, 1943.Character of investigation DisaffectionStatus of Case PENDING**REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:**

Potential subversion under W.D. letter dated November 9, 1942, File AG 014.311 (11-3-42) OS-S-B-M, Subject: "Disposition of Potentially Subversive Personnel."

Subject wrote letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, citizens or not, after the war and barring all Japanese descendants from citizenship. (EXHIBIT 1)

DETAILS:

Fourteen-Point Topic Outline: (Unless otherwise indicated the following information was obtained from Subject's W.D., A.C.O. Form No. 20, and W.D., A.C.O. Form No. 24).

1. Personal Data:

Investigation Copies To

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Information Copies To

G-2 SCG-2 SCPI0Dist. CICEN**Family Data:****Father:****Birth:****Citizenship:****Present age:****Aliases:****Physical description:****Personal Characteristics:****Marital Status:**

New York, New York, May 3, 1919.

United States.

23 years and 11 months.

None indicated.

Halo; race, white; height, 73 inches; weight, 143 lbs.; eyes, blue; hair, brown; complexion, fair; badly pimpled face; and rather prominent red nose. (MEMO D)

Unassuming, very musical, reads a great deal, uncommunicative, satisfactory worker, extremely liberal in his views. (MEMOS A, D, C, B, H)

Unmarried.

Charles Seeger; born in Mexico City, Mexico; present address, Pan American Union, Washington, D. C.

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SERVICE COMMAND
MIL. INT. DIV.

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MID, Wash.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

MIS D. L. C. H.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~DETAILS: (Cont'd)2. Family Data: (Continued)

Mother: Constance Seeger; born in Denver, Colorado; former address, P.O. Box #781, Little River St., Miami, Florida; present address, 3374 S.W. 25th Street, Miami, Florida. (MEMO M and EXHIBIT XV)

Brother: Charles L. Seeger, Jr.; former address Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; present address, Box 696, RFD #2, Forest Home, Ithaca, New York. (MEMO N)

Grandmother: Mrs. Tracy Edison, 1211 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida. (EXHIBITS XIII, XIV)

Relative: John Seeger, 3 Minetta Lane, New York, New York. Exact relationship not indicated. (EXHIBIT XIX)

3. Education:

1924-1932, grammar school, Spring Hill, Connecticut, graduated.
 1932-1936, high school, Avon-Old-Farms, Connecticut, graduated.
 1936-1938, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, non-graduate.

4. Employment:

1940-1942, employed by Almanac Singers, New York, New York, as entertainer.

5. Military History:

Accepted for service at Local Board #2, Jackson County, Scottsboro, Alabama.
 July 24, 1942, Fort McClellan, Alabama, oath.
 July 24, 1942, Fort McPherson, Georgia, processed.
 July 31, 1942, 695 Tech Sch Sq, Miami Beach Florida, recruit training.
 August 19, 1942, 306 Tech Sch Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi, airplane mechanic student.
 December 3, 1942, 307 Tech Sch Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi, airplane mechanic student.

6. Unit Check:

Captain Albert M. Rambo, A.C. (S) (MEMO A)
 Sergeant Julius S. Fiscus. (S) (MEMO B)
 S/Sergeant Carl Elkins, (S) (MEMO C)

7. Addresses:

430 6th Avenue, New York City; dates unknown. (EXHIBIT XXI)
 23 Downing Street, New York City; dates unknown. (EXHIBIT XXI)
 3374 S.W. 25 N., Miami, Florida; dates unknown. (EXHIBIT XXI)

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Private Carl Moldovan. (U) (MEMO E)
 S/Sergeant Michael Foster. (S) (MEMO F)
 Private Paul Bartella. (S) (MEMO G)

9. Organizations:

Harvard Student Union, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
 1937-1938; secretary.
 Camp Rising Sun Alumni Association, 55 W. 44th Street, New York City,
 and Box 33, Walden, New York. (EXHIBIT XXI).

10. Principal Amusements:

Music, carpentry and water color painting.

11. References:

None given.

12. Acquaintances:

Miss Drusilla Adams, White House Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi; civil
 service examiner at Keesler Field, Mississippi; casual acquaintance.
 (U) (MEMO H)
 Pfc. Walter S. Neff, Medical Detachment, Keesler Field, Mississippi;
 casual acquaintance. (MEMO H and EXHIBIT VII)
 Pfc. Nick Demas, 2nd Academic Squadron, Keesler Field, Mississippi; casual
 acquaintance. (MEMO H)
 Sergeant David Jackson, 394 Tech Sch Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi;
 alone acquaintance. (MEMO H) (EXHIBIT XVI)
 Private Frederick K. Klaessig, 54th Tng Gp, Keesler Field, Mississippi;
 casual acquaintance. (EXHIBIT XX)
 (Neff, Demas, Jackson, and Klaessig above described, were not inter-
 viewed concerning Subject for the reason that all are under investi-
 gation by this office for disaffection.)
 Miss Toshi Ohta, 129 MacDougal Street (formerly 76 Washington Square),
 New York, New York; Subject's fiancée; a Japanese-American, very
 active in the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy, 76 West
 52nd Street, New York City, and at present employed by Survey As-
 sociates, Inc., 112 East 19 Street, New York City. She is also as-
 sociated with "Samut Arts Club", 61 Washington Square, New York
 City. (MEMOS E, I, O) (EXHIBITS II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII,
 IX, X, XI, XII, XIV, XVI)
 Father of Miss Toshi Ohta, name unknown; Japanese; formerly employed
 by Survey Associates, Inc., 112 East 19 Street, New York City;

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presently playing in the stage production "The Family", which opened in Boston, Massachusetts, March 15, 1943. (MEMO I and EXHIBITS IV, A, XIX).

Private Leo Spivaak, 991 T.S.E., Flight C, Atlantic City, N.J.; Correspondent. (EXHIBIT XVII)

Julian Percevic, 5757 Second Blvd., Detroit, Michigan; correspondent; (EXHIBIT XVIII)

Private Morton Diamondstein, ASN 32626009, Hq. Btry 367 P.A. Bn., A.P.O. 104, Camp Adair, Oregon; correspondent. (EXHIBIT XX)

Private I. "Frank" Schlauswig, 21st Provisional Group, Flight A, ORTC, Atlantic City, N.J.; correspondent. (MEMO L)

Helen Robinson, Village Vanguard, New York, N.Y.; relationship with Subject not known but is mentioned as an acquaintance by Miss Toshi Ohta. (MEMO L)

Lt. A. Swartz, ATC, Gudahy Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; correspondent. (MEMO L)

W. W. "Woody" Guthrie, 74 Charles Street, New York City; correspondent. (MEMO L)

Allen Shaw, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; member of Communist Party; principal in "Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials"; friend of Subject. (EXHIBITS XV, XVI)

Mrs. Ina Wood, wife of Robert Wood who was state secretary of the Communist Party in Oklahoma; principal in "Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials"; friend of Subject. (EXHIBITS XV and XVI)

Eli Jaffe, New York, N.Y.; Communist Party worker and principal in "Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials"; formerly in newspaper work in New York; friend of Subject, and visitor at Almanac House, New York City. (EXHIBITS XV and XVI)

Pat Wright, Secretary, Camp Rising Sun Alumni Association, 55 W. 44th Street, New York City and Box 33, Walden, New York. (EXHIBIT XXI)

13. Credit Record:

No record at this Station.

14. Police Record:

Satisfactory at this Station. (MEMO M)

INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT:

(MEMOS I and J)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ADVERSE INFORMATION:

1. While a member of U. S. Armed Forces, Subject wrote letter protesting and criticizing the California American Legion's resolution advocating deportation of all Japanese, citizens or not, after the war, and barring all Japanese descendants from citizenship. (REASON FOR INVESTIGATION & EXHIBIT I)
2. Subject was formerly employed by, and still has a great interest in, the Almanac Singers of New York City, a roving band of singers Communist in character. The nature of this organization is of such a character that Subject himself and some of his acquaintances feel his connections therewith might be the cause for his present status at this station. (MEMO J and EXHIBITS III, IV, VII, XVI, XVIII)
3. Subject is engaged to Miss Toshi Ohta, the daughter of an American mother and a Japanese father, who was banished some years ago from Japan for political reasons. Toshi Ohta is an active worker and enthusiastic supporter of the Japan-American Committee for Democracy, a Communist infiltrated organization. Subject also shows a definite interest in and connection with this organization. (MEMOS E, I and O and EXHIBITS II, III, IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIV, XVI)
4. Subject is a "good friend" of Allan Shaw, Mrs. Ina Wood and Eli Jaffe, Communists and defendants in "Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials". Subject admits barely escaping "being hooked into that round up too". (EXHIBITS IV AND XVI)
5. Subject is an acquaintance and associate of several persons who have been or are being investigated by this office because of their relation with Communism. (MEMOS E and H and EXHIBITS XVI and XX)

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Request check of the following references, acquaintances, employers, addresses, schools, relatives, organizations and police records covering complete background investigation.

1. M. I. S., War Department.
 - (1) Charles Seeger; father; Pan American Union, Washington, D. C.
2. Director, M.I.D., Hq., 1st Service Command.
 - (1) Spring Hill Grammar School, Spring Hill, Conn. Subject was student there 1924-1932.
 - (2) Avon-Old-Farms High School, Avon-Old-Farms, Conn. Subject was student there 1932-1936.
 - (3) Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Subject was student there 1936-1938.
 - (4) Harvard Student Union, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Subject was a member and secretary 1936-1938.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS: (Cont'd)

3. Director, M. I. D., Hq., 2nd Service Command.

- (1) Charles L. Seeger, Jr.; brother; former address, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.; present address, Box 696, RFD #2, Forest Home, Ithaca, N.Y. (MEMO N)
- (2) John Seeger; relationship unknown; 3 Minetta Lane, New York, N.Y. (EXHIBIT XIX)
- (3) Almanac Singers, Almanac House, New York, N.Y.; employer of Subject 1940-1942; Subject retains great interest in same; said organization is possibly Communist in character. (MEMO J and EXHIBITS III, IV, VII, XVI, and XVIII)
- (4) 430 6th Avenue, New York City. Former address of Subject but dates unknown. (EXHIBIT XXI)
- (5) 28 Downing Street, New York City. Former address of Subject but dates unknown. (EXHIBIT XXI)
- (6) Camp Rising Sun Alumni Association, 55 W. 44th Street, New York City, and Box 33, Walden, N.Y. Subject is member of this organization. (EXHIBIT XXI)
- (7) Tad Wright, Secretary, Camp Rising Sun Alumni Association, 55 W. 44th Street, New York City, and Box 33, Walden, N.Y.; correspondent of Subject. (EXHIBIT XXI)
- (8) Miss Toshi Ohta, 129 MacDougal Street (formerly 76 Washington Square). New York, N.Y.; Subject's fiancée; a Japanese-American, very active in the Japan-American Committee for Democracy, 76 West 52nd Street, New York City, and at present employed by Survey Associates, Inc., 112 East 19 Street, New York City. She is also associated with "Camut Arts Club", 61 Washington Square, New York City. (MEMOS B, I & O and EXHIBITS II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIV and XVI)
- (9) Father of Miss Toshi Ohta, name unknown; Japanese; formerly employed by Survey Associates, Inc., 112 East 19 Street, New York City; presently playing in the stage production "The Family", which opened in Boston, Mass., March 15, 1943. (MEMO I and EXHIBITS IV, X & XIX)
- (10) Private Leo Spivaak, 991 P.S.S., Flight C, Atlantic City, N.J.; correspondent of Subject. (EXHIBIT XVII)
- (11) Private I. "Frank" Schlauswig, 21st Provisional Group, Flight A, ORPO, Atlantic City, N.J.; correspondent. (MEMO L)
- (12) Helen Robinson, Village Vanguard, New York, New York; relationship with Subject not known but is mentioned as an acquaintance by Miss Toshi Ohta. (MEMO L)
- (13) W. W. "Woody" Guthrie, 74 Charles Street, New York City; correspondent of Subject. (MEMO L)
- (14) Eli Jaffe, New York, N.Y.; Communist Party worker and principal in "Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials"; formerly in newspaper work in New York; friend of Subject, and visitor at Almanac House, New York City. (EXHIBITS XV and XVI)
- (15) Check Police files in New York City.
- (16) Check files of Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York City.

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4. Director, M.I.D., Hq., 4th Service Command.

- (1) Constance Seeger; mother; former address, P.O. Box #761, Little River St., Miami, Fla.; present address, 3374 S.W. 25th Street, Miami, Fla. (MEMO M and EXHIBIT XV)
- (2) Mrs. Tracy Edson; grandmother; 1211 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, Fla. (EXHIBITS XIII and XIV)
- (3) Local Board #2, Jackson County, Scottsboro, Ala. Subject was accepted for military service there.
- (4) 595 Tech. Sch. Sq., Miami Beach, Fla. Subject received recruit training there July 31, 1942 to August 19, 1942.
- (5) 3374 S.W. 25 H., Miami, Fla. Former address of Subject but dates unknown. (EXHIBIT XXI)

5. Director, M.I.D., Hq., 6th Service Command.

- (1) Julian Bercevic, 5757 Second Blvd., Detroit, Michigan; correspondent of Subject. (EXHIBIT XVIII)
- (2) Lt. A. Swarts, ATC, Cudahy Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; correspondent of Subject. (MEMO L)

6. Director, M.I.D., Hq., 8th Service Command.

- (1) Allan Shaw, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; member of Communist Party; principal in "Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials"; friend of Subject. (EXHIBITS XV and XVI)
- (2) Mrs. Ina Wood, wife of Robert Wood who was state secretary of the Communist Party in Oklahoma; principal in "Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials"; friend of Subject. (EXHIBITS XV and XVI)
- (3) Eli Jaffe, New York, N.Y.; Communist Party worker and principal in "Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials"; formerly in newspaper work in New York; friend of Subject, and visitor at Almanac House, New York City. (EXHIBITS XV and XVI)

7. Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army:

- (1) Private Morton Dimondstein, ASN 32628009, Hq. Battery 387 F.A. Bn., A.P.O. 104, Camp Adair, Oregon; correspondent of Subject. (EXHIBIT XX)

REMARKS AND CONCLUSIONS:

This Officer is of the opinion, based on the facts contained in this report, that Subject has possibilities of divided loyalty to the extent that a change in the Communist Party line would result in potential subversion.

Subject is intensely loyal at this time. He is eager to join the battle actively against Fascism, and is applying himself to improve his military and technical knowledge to be of greatest service.

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Against this is Subject's background and his continued associations with military personnel at this station who are proven Communists. Subject professes that he was a good friend of three persons tried for sedition in Oklahoma and admits that he, personally, barely escaped prosecution for similar charges. He was a member of the Almanac Singers, wandering troubadours, a group which appears to be either a direct or an indirect instrument of the Communist Party. His admiration for Russia includes far more than mere admiration of that country's military stamina.

In addition, Subject's mind is conditioned by his love for a woman of Japanese-American descent, who is presently connected with an organization infiltrated with Communists. While this relationship appears on a high plane, this Officer believes it to be unorthodox and one which might lead to divided loyalty in the event this country's treatment of the Japanese were not in accord with the views of himself or the woman he expects to marry.

While at this station, Subject has made contact with known Communists and he is sympathetic to their problems and the so-called discrimination against them. These associations have added rather than detracted to his communistic idealism. As an entertainer, his songs have been colored subtly toward idealistic classlessness.

Therefore, despite Subject's intelligence and desire to apply himself to the destruction of the enemy, this officer believes that enemy to be Fascism and not necessarily any enemy of the United States.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This Officer deems Subject potentially subversive within the meaning of W.D. letter dated November 9, 1942, File AG 014.511 (11-3-42) OB-S-B-M, Subject: "Disposition of Potentially Subversive Personnel."

Request Subject's transfer from the Army Air Forces.

Recommend complete background investigation and that Subject remain under surveillance while case is pending.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 24, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SIEGER, Private
34335466 ASN
307. Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Interview with Captain Albert M. Rambo
Commanding Officer

On March 24, 1943, this Special Operator interviewed Albert M. Rambo, Captain, A.C., regarding Subject.

Captain Rambo stated that he was commanding officer of the 307 Tech Sch Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi, for several months prior to March 1, 1943, and that Subject was under his command for a period of approximately three months; that close personal contact with Subject was confined to one occasion and such came about when Subject was brought before him for disciplinary action; that a close perusal of Subject's alleged offense resulted in the Subject's exoneration; that although cognizant of the fact that Subject was being investigated by authorities here, he has never observed anything derogatory concerning Subject and has been unable to form any satisfactory opinion concerning Subject's loyalty; that nothing has come to his attention to lead him to believe Subject is Communistic or even extremely liberal in his views.

Informant also stated that Subject performed his duties as a soldier satisfactorily, is quiet, unassuming, and pursued his own affairs without meddling into those of others.

Robert C. Josey Jr
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III
Special Operator, P.I.O.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

(MEMO A)

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
January 29, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466
307 Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Interview with Sergeant Julius Fiscus
Flight Leader

On January 28, 1943, this Special Operator interviewed Sgt. Julius S. Fiscus, 306 Tech Sch Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi, regarding Subject.

Sgt. Fiscus stated that he was Subject's flight leader for two or three months prior to the latter part of November, 1942, the time during which Subject was attached to 306 Tech Sch Sq, but was never closely acquainted with Subject; that Subject was an air mechanic student during the above stated period.

Informant stated that Subject was hospitalized while in his flight and lost sufficient time to necessitate his dropping back into another class; that Subject was somewhat of a musician and composed several songs and it was in this direction that Subject's chief interest lay; that Subject possessed his own typewriter and was a pretty good typist; that Subject spent much of his leisure reading, the subject matter of which is unknown to this informant; that Subject appeared on the post radio show, "Free For All", in a banjo number and was interviewed thereon; that in the interview Subject told about his previous experiences as a wandering musician. Informant did not recall the details of these experiences. In conclusion informant said he knew nothing derogatory concerning Subject.

Robert C. Jolley, III
ROBERT C. JOLLEY, III
Special Operator, P.I.O.
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Keesler Field, Mississippi
January 28, 1943

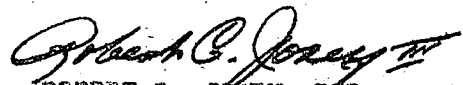
MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466
307 Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Interview with S/Sgt. Carl Elkins
Acting First Sergeant

On January 27, 1943, this Special Operator interviewed S/Sgt. Carl Elkins, Acting First Sergeant, 307 Tech Sch Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi, regarding Subject.

Sgt. Elkins stated that he knows Subject only casually; that Subject has finished air mechanic school and since that time has been doing quite a bit of typing for one of the flight leaders; that Subject appeared on one of the post radio shows and has a great interest in the activities of the post Special Services Department; that he knows nothing derogatory concerning Subject.


ROBERT C. JOSEY, III
Special Operator, P.I.O.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
January 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private
ASN 34385466
307 Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Interview with S/Sgt. John Haggard
Flight Leader

On January 28, 1943, this Special Operator interviewed S/Sgt. John Haggard, 307 Tech Sch Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi, regarding Subject.

Sgt. Haggard stated that he has been Subject's flight leader since about the latter part of November, 1942, when Subject was attached to 307 Tech Sch Sq; that during the past three or four weeks Subject has been working directly under him, typing rosters, etc.; that his association with Subject is limited to duty hours.

Informant also stated that Subject performs well his assigned tasks, seldom complains about army life and possesses no unusual characteristics; that Subject keeps pretty much to himself and is uncommunicative, never referring to his family, any girl friends, the war or anything else other than the business at hand; that Subject is interested in music and is quite a good banjo player; that Subject spends quite a bit of his leisure typing and reading, the nature of which is not known by the informant; that he has no knowledge concerning Subject's correspondence; that he knows nothing derogatory concerning Subject.

Informant described Subject as being tall and thin, with badly pimpled face and a rather prominent nose.

Robert C. Josey, III
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III
Special Operator, P.I.O.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Interview with Carl Moldovan, Private
Barracksmate.

On January 21, 1943, during an interview by Lieutenant W. H. Wise of this office with Carl Moldovan, Private, ASN 32076189, attached to 307th Technical School Squadron, Keesler Field, Mississippi, the following information concerning Subject was brought out.

Private Moldovan stated that he and Peter Seeger were barracks mates; that Peter Seeger was extremely liberal in his views and was either a Communist or had been under strong Communistic influence; that Subject corresponded with a Japanese-American (half Japanese-half American), Miss Toshi Ohta, 76 Washington Square, South, New York City, who Subject stated was active in an organization called the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy; that this organization bore every stamp of a Communist front organization.

Operator's Note: Carl Moldovan has been under investigation by this office for disaffection. Very shortly after the above interview, Moldovan was deemed potentially subversive under W. D. Letter dated November 9, 1942, File AG 014.311 (11-S-42) OB-S-B-M, Subject: "Disposition of Potentially Subversive Personnel", by the Director, M.I.D., Fourth Service Command and has been transferred out of the Air Corps. He admits former membership in the Communist Party.

Robert C. Jersey III
ROBERT C. JERSEY, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
January 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307 Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Interview with S/Sgt. Michael Foster
Barracks Leader

On January 28, 1943, this Special Operator interviewed S/Sgt. Michael Foster, 307 Tech Sch Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi, in regards to Subject.

Sgt. Foster stated that he is in charge of barracks #11 and Subject has been living therein for the past three or four weeks; that Subject performs satisfactorily his assigned duties around the barracks and has given him no trouble; that Subject finished airplane mechanic school about one month ago and is awaiting shipment to another station and assignment to duty; that during this waiting period Subject has been doing various typing jobs for the squadron and is working under the direction of Sgt. Haggard, and also has occasionally performed certain fatigue duties in the squadron area.

Informant stated also that, while he does not associate with Subject other than is necessitated by his duties, he does know that Subject spends much of his leisure in reading and typing but does not know the subject matter of either; that Subject is quite adept as a banjo player; that nothing has come to his attention about Subject that is unusual or outstanding.

Robert C. Josey III

ROBERT C. JOSEY, III
Special Operator, P.I.O.
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

(MEMO P)

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 21, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34385466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Interview with Private Paul Martella,
Barracksmate.

On March 21, 1943, this Special Operator interviewed Private Paul Martella, ASN 33468456, 307th Technical School Squadron, Keesler Field, Mississippi, regarding Subject.

Private Martella stated that for approximately six weeks prior to the first part of March, 1943, he was quartered in the same barracks with Subject; that Subject during that period was serving as a runner for the Squadron Orderly Room and was on the night shift; that consequently he had had very little opportunity to know Subject; that Subject is a former AM Student and is apparently awaiting shipment and assignment to another station; that Subject's chief interest seems to be along musical lines and Subject is quite a good banjo player; that Subject does not appear to be outstanding in any respect and there is nothing apparently about Subject which makes him different from the average soldier; that he has never heard Subject mention anything about his experiences before his induction; that he knows of no close friends of Subject; and that nothing concerning Subject has ever come to his attention.

Robert C. Jessey, III
ROBERT C. JESSEY, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 20, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Interview with Drusilla Adams, Acquaintance.

On February 25, 1943, this Officer interviewed Miss Drusilla Adams, civil service examiner at this station, and who resides at the White House Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi, regarding Subject.

Miss Adams stated that on two occasions she had met a young soldier called "Pete" at informal social gatherings given at the Back Bay House, a former private home and now used as a rehearsal studio on Keesler Field by members of the Recreation and Art Sections of the Special Services Department, Keesler Field.

This Officer described Subject to Miss Adams and she stated without question that the "Pete" referred to was Peter SEEGER.

The conversations in each instance were along intellectual lines, Miss Adams stated, with most of the discussion centering on treatment of the Negro in the South.

Miss Adams stated that she had not seen Subject since these meetings and declared she was not in a position to determine Subject's loyalty, other than that he, along with other soldiers present, presented rather liberal views.

Those present on the two occasions who she did know were Walter Scott Neff, David Sackson and Nick Demas, who are constant associates.

OFFICER'S NOTE: Pfc. Walter Scott NEFF, 32311024, Medical Detachment, is a member of the Communist Party and is deemed potentially subversive by this Office. NEFF is a psychologist, attached to the Station Hospital.

Sgt. David SACKSON, 32230674, 394th Technical School Squadron, Keesler Field, Mississippi, indicates extreme communistic tendencies and is under investigation by this office to determine potential subversion. SACKSON is a violin player, attached to the Recreation Section, Special Services.

Pfc. Nick DEMAS, 36526152, 2nd Academic Group, Keesler Field, Mississippi, also indicates communistic tendencies, having been a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and left-wing union affiliations, and is also under investigation. DEMAS is an electrician in the Air Mechanics School, Keesler Field.

This Officer believes Subject's contact with other Communists and Communist sympathizers, all of whom live at widely separated points on Keesler Field and whose duties call for no normal military contact with each other, has resulted in continued stimulation and interest in Communism and Communist doctrines.

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This officer believes further that it is no accident that members of this group, which included others also under investigation for the same reasons, have gravitated toward each other. There has been no direct supervision over the Back Bay House, where SACKSON lives with another soldier, and it provides an ideal meeting place, free from outside interference. All activities at the Back Bay House are now under investigation by this office.

The conversations at which Miss Adams was present have no other significance, as she was an outsider, but the fact that she identified Subject as being present on two occasions indicates the possibility of Subject's close association with others under investigation for the same reasons.

Miss Adams holds a responsible position on Keesler Field, has an excellent family and educational background in Atlanta, Georgia, and a Provost Marshal check reveals nothing derogatory.

William H. Wise
WILLIAM H. WISE, 1st Lt., A.C.,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 5, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Pvt.,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Interview with Subject.

On March 4, 1943, this Special Operator, acting as a member of the Classification Section interviewed PETER SEEGER, ASN 34335466, Subject, for the purpose of disclosing any potential subversiveness.

Subject stated that at the present time he is classified as a graduate of the Keesler Field, Mississippi AM school, Air Corps Unassigned and that he has been working in the Orderly Room of his squadron. Subject said that he could have no idea and he has no idea of why he has not been sent to some air field as an aviation mechanic. Subject stated that he is the last one of his group of men who graduated from AM School in December, 1942. Subject stated that he does not mind being held on the field, for since he plays an old-fashioned five-string banjo and plays it well, he has decided that he might be taken into the Special Services Department here at Keesler Field, for he believes that his musical ability can be used. Subject stated that at the present time he is making attempts to become part of the Special Services Department.

Subject stated that he was born in New York and that that city is his home at the present time although he has spent a great deal of time during the past few years as sort of a wandering musician. It was because of this wandering that he was inducted into the Army in Alabama, for Subject was in Alabama at the time he was supposed to register for the Selective Service and at the time set for his induction he was in the North but returned to the South to be inducted. SEEGER stated that he is not married but that he is engaged to a New York girl whose mother was born in Virginia and whose father was born in Japan.

Concerning his fiancée, Subject stated that her father is a refugee from Japan and that he came to this country because he disagreed with the militarists of Japan and was consequently given the choice of remaining in Japan and being executed or leaving Japan and being allowed to live. Subject stated that the girl's father chose the latter.

When questioned as to whether or not there is some sort of Japanese-American organization in New York, Subject stated that such an organization does exist under the title of the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy and that this organization has such sponsors as Pearl Buck and Albert Einstein. Subject stated that the State Department has taken quite an interest in the organization and has several times provided speakers for meetings held by the JACD. This organization, according to Subject, was organized for the purpose of showing this country that the Japanese who were born here are one hundred per cent American. Subject said that resolution had been passed by the organization in order to indicate the loyalty of the "Nisei" to the U.S. Subject said that members of the JACD have assisted in combating the threat of the Black Dragon

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Society that has been active in the new settlements provided by the Government for the Japanese who have been placed in them.

Concerning a resolution supposedly passed by an organization of the West Coast, Subject stated that he believed that a group called the "United Farmers" or some such organization had passed a resolution to the effect that all Japanese be deported to Japan after the close of the war. However, Subject does not believe that the majority of the people of the West Coast would want to see this happen.

Operator's Notes:

It is this Operator's opinion that Subject was truthful in all answers that he gave this Operator and that he made no attempt to withhold anything from this Operator during the interview. Subject spoke freely concerning the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy and made no attempt to discolor in any way or in any way praise this organization. From all indications, Subject has no idea that anything he has done or any associations he might have had in the past or might have at the present time would be cause to hold him on this field or keep him under surveillance at any time.

Roderic C. Duchemin
RODERIC C. DUCHEMIN,
Special Operator, P. I. O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 16, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: SEEGER, PETER, Pvt.,
ASN 54335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Examination of Keesler Field "Free for All"
radio script of Dec. 17, 1942.

On March 12, 1943 this Special Operator examined the script of the radio program "Free For All" which was broadcast from War Department Theatre No. 1, Keesler Field, Mississippi, on December 17, 1942, from 1900 to 1930. The program was broadcast by remote control through radio station WNL, New Orleans, Louisiana, under the auspices of the Public Relations Department of Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Subject was interviewed on the program by one of the personnel of Keesler Field by the name of Proctor. Proctor's complete name did not appear in the script. In the course of the interview Subject stated that he played a five string banjo and had always been interested in playing and singing songs. He said that he brought his banjo with him to Keesler Field and while here at Keesler Field he had taught some of the men a few of the songs which he knew. Subject said that he had learned his songs all over the United States; that he had been born in New York but had never lived there much; that he learned singing and his songs in the South and the West, in "barrooms, churches and what have you". "I've slept under some of the best bridges in the country", said Subject.

Continuing, Subject declared that he had been drafted into the army but before being drafted he had been with a group of young people like himself who called themselves the "Almanac Singers". The Almanac Singers never made any money, said Subject, but they enjoyed themselves. They made up songs about what was going on in the world and got the words for their songs right out of the newspaper headlines. Subject then said that he would sing them a song about an average guy writing a letter to the President of the United States. Before singing the song Subject said: "Some of us are here because we had friends and relatives at Pearl Harbor. Some are here because a committee of our neighbors got together, but here are some reasons all of us are here". Subject then sang his song: "Dear Mr. President".

The song concerned an "ordinary guy" with wife, kids, etc., who likes to see a movie and take a drink every now and then, and who liked to be free and to say what he thinks. The general theme of the song is that we must tick Hitler and keep our freedom. The song continues by declaring that this country is not perfect but will be some day, and then Subject says in the song that he wants to fight for a better America, better laws; that he wants to fight so that we won't have any more Jim Crow laws which say that you can't do this because you are a Jew, or you can't come in here because you are a negro, or you can't work here because you are a Union man.

W. Patton, Jr.
W. PATTON, Jr.,
Special Operator, P.I.O.

(MEMO J)

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Keesler Field, Mississippi.
March 22, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SHERON, Private,
ASN 3435406,
307 Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Police Check at this Station

On March 22, 1943, this Special Operator investigated the records of the Office of the Provost Marshal, of 300th Technical School Squadron, of 307th Technical School Squadron and Subject's W.D., A.C.O., Form No. 24.

These records reveal, with reference to Subject, no courts martial, no desertions, no A.S.O.I., no punishment under the 104th Article of War and no time lost under the 107th Article of War.

Robert C. Jones III
ROBERT C. JONES, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 25, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307 Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage

Following is a list of individuals not mentioned in other MEMOS or Exhibits of this CI-R1 with whom Subject has corresponded or who are mentioned in correspondence of Subject.

The correspondence contains nothing of a subversive or disaffectionate nature, nor does it reflect upon the character or characteristics of Subject; is, therefore, omitted from this CI-R1.

Those names are included here as possible UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

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| 1. Pvt. I. "Frank" Schlauswig
21st Provisional Group
Flight A, ORTC
Atlantic City, N.J. | 3. Lt. A. Swartz
ATC
Cudahy Field
Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| 2. Helen Robinson
Village Vanguard
New York, N.Y. | 4. W.W. "Woody" Guthrie
74 Charles Street
New York, N.Y. |

Operator's Note:

W.W. "Woody" Guthrie, mentioned above, is probably the "Woody" referred to by Subject in letter shown in Exhibit XVI.

Robert C. Josey III
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi

(MEMO L)

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 23, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private
ASN 34335466
307 Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Mail Coverage

On March 20, 1943, a letter from Subject to his mother was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

His mother's address was given as follows: Mrs. Constance Seeger,
3374 S.W. 25th St., Miami, Florida.

Robert C. Josey III
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III
Special Operator, P.I.O.
Keesler Field, Mississippi

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 25, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private
ASN 34335466
307 Tech Sch Sq
Keesler Field, Mississippi

Re : Mail Coverage

On March 15, 1943, a letter from Subject to his brother was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

His brother's address was given as follows: Mr. Charles L. Seeger,
Box 696, RFD #2, Forest Home, Ithaca, N.Y.

Robert C. Jones III
ROBERT C. JONES, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Reesler Field, Mississippi
March 25, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER
Private, ASN 34335466,
397th Technical School Squadron,
Reesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Japanese-American Committee for Democracy.

On March 25, 1943, this Special Operator examined Summary of Information from the War Department, W.I.D., dated February 13, 1943, which Summary of Information was evaluated as being reliable and Subject of which is Japanese-American Committee for Democracy.

It appeared from this Summary of Information that the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy, formerly known as the Committee for the Democratic Treatment of Japanese Residents in the Eastern States, was formally originated in the fall of 1940 and has become more active since the Japanese attack on December 7, 1942.

The organization is composed chiefly of American citizens of Japanese descent and Japanese nationals. The avowed objectives of this organization are to educate American-born Japanese to engage actively in the rights of the citizens of a democracy, and to foster among Nisei and Japanese nationals who are sympathetic to the United States a program of education in democratic principles and of support of the United States Government defense interests.

On April 14, 1942, "a mass victory rally" was held by the organization at the Hotel Diplomat, New York City. The main theme of the meeting was the necessity for a peoples army which would include no racial discriminations or "Jim Crowism". It was reported that Communistic literature was available after the meeting.

It is known that many of the officers and advisors of the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy are members of allegedly Communistic front organizations.

OPERATOR'S NOTE:

For further information concerning the activities and objectives of this organization, see Exhibit IV.

Robert C. Josey III
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Reesler Field, Mississippi.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

San Francisco, California
October 15, 1942

Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2
Headquarters, Fourth Army
Presidio of San Francisco
California

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Re: Private PETER SNEGER

Dear Sir:

The American Legion headquarters has forwarded to this office the following letter received from Private PETER SNEGER, 306 TSS, Flight C, Keesler Field, Mississippi:

"Dear Sirs -

"I felt shocked, outraged, and disgusted to read that the California American Legion voted to 1) deport all Japanese after the war, citizen or not, 2) Bar all Japanese descendants from citizenship!!

"We, who may have to give our lives in this great struggle -- we're fighting precisely to free the world of such Hitlerism, such narrow jingoism.

"If you deport Japanese, why not Germans, Italians, Rumanians, Hungarians, and Bulgarians?

"If you bar from citizenship descendants of Japanese, why not descendants of English? After all, we once fought with them too.

"America is great and strong as she is because we have so far been a haven to all oppressed.

"I felt sick at heart to read of this matter.

"Yours truly,

"Pvt. PETER SNEGER
306 TTS Flight C
Keesler Field, Miss."

"I am writing also to the Los Angeles Times"

Yours truly,

/s/ N.J.L. PIEPER
N.J.L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34385466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On November 26, 1942, a letter, written on printed stationery of "Gamut Arts Club, 61 Washington Square South, New York City", addressed to Subject, from 76 Washington Square, New York City, signed "Toshi", and postmarked "New York, New York, Nov 23, 1942, 10:30 AM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"I have started in my JACD work again and am up to my neck in work again. But there is so much work that has to be done. We have lovely new headquarters up on 52nd Street. Right next to all of the big night clubs. We have two bath rooms, an office, a smaller room, and also a large sort of hall."

Operator's Note: "JACD" refers to Japan American Committee for Democracy, described in Memo O and Exhibit IV. "Toshi" is Miss Toshi Ohta, Subject's fiancée, who is half-American, half-Japanese.

Robert C. Josey III
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SNEGER, Private,
ASN 34385466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On December 10, 1942, a letter, addressed to Subject, from 76 Washington Square, New York, N.Y., signed "Toshi", and postmarked "New York, N.Y., Dec 8, 1942, 1:30 AM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"Yesterday we had a Pearl Harbor memorial meeting at the Committee--it came off quite successfully. Charles Collins, Executive Secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee and organizer of the Hotel Employees Union gave an excellent speech, which hit the exact spot. Bradford Smith, who lived for four years in Japan and is with the Foreign Language Division of the OWI in Washington.....Also Max Hill who was an A.P. correspondent and was in prison in Japan and came home recently on the Gripsholm.... There were reporters from the Times, Tribune and News.... As soon as I get a chance I'll send In Fact down to you....I went over to the Almanacs to get your things."

"If mother wants us to have a regular wedding, long white dress and everything, I'd do it for her. Even if it results in a fight with you and disapproval from your family....I myself would like to have a memory of a lovely white simple church wedding....I'd want something lovely to remember and really start something new with--not just the continuation of an affair with a wedding license to bind us."

Operator's Note: The committee referred to is apparently the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy, a Communist infiltrated organization described in Memo O and Exhibit IV. The Almanacs is a singing organization to which Subject belonged and which appears to be Communist in character.

Robert C. Josey
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 20, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SINGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage

On March 12, 1943, a letter addressed to Subject, signed "Toshi", and postmarked New York, N.Y., March 8, 1943, 11:30 PM, was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

C O P Y

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Dearest Peter

Darling you don't know how sorry I am that the Japanese question has come up and is bothering you....not you personally, of course, but what you are doing in the army. Frankly, I think that combination of Almanac's etc. and me is going to keep you from going over seas. Not that I mind that..from the danger point of view...But what good is your going through all this training and having the government spend so much money on you..if they don't allow you to use it.. for the use that it supposed to be for.. Hope you didn't say too much about Daddy's banishment and the cause. Nowadays it is just as bad to be too progressive as it is to be a militarist.

Am enclosing the summaries of the Forum we had on Japanese Americans in the Victory program.. at the Hotel Commodore. Thought you might be interested in how we are getting along.

In the future I would be a little careful what you put in letters ...
But put plenty of love in them..

Darling...I miss you muchly.. and want you more than ever.

Your own..Toshi
/s/ Toshi

Incl #1: Mimeographed form in outline.

E X T R A C T

JAPANESE AMERICANS IN THE VICTORY PROGRAM

Upon the basis of strengthening the war effort of the United Nations..
loyal Japanese Americans..must be integrated into the nations war program.

1. For total utilization of all manpower...

Put to work the available idle manpower of 110,000 Japanese American evacuees from the West coast...

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2. Destroy the fifth Column and its Influence...
Distinction must be made between true anti-Fascist, "phoney", pro-axis, sincere but confused elements.
3. End discrimination against Japanese Americans because of race.
4. Prevent mis-use of the Japanese American problem by reactionary forces...
Defeat discriminatory anti-Japanese measures in state legislatures, and as they appear in Congress.

WHAT YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN DO

.....have your membership express its understanding by passing resolutions on RESETTLEMENT and AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE...take action on legislation affecting Japanese Americans...include loyal Americans of Japanese birth or descent in your fight....establish procedures to make use of evacuee labor...have your organization contribute financially to the furthering of the work of the Japanese American Committee for Democracy on this program.

Incl #2: Mimeographed Form

E X T R A C T

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Forum on Japanese Americans in the Victory Program, Hotel Commodore, New York, February 13, 1943, co-sponsored by Japanese American Committee for Democracy, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.....

Abner Green...citing the recent move of the Senate reactionaries under Senator Reynold's leadership to "investigate" conditions in the War Relocation Centers as an example of the dangerous interest that such forces have in the Japanese American problem, he pointed out that such an "investigation" was in reality an attack not only on the Japanese American evacuees, but also an attempt to discredit the War Relocation Authority, a Government agency carrying out its job as an authorized part of the President's war program.

Blake Clark, OCD, Washington, D.C.,.....quoting from the records of Nisei in the Army and from their superiors, from the FBI, from all sources who had constant contact with Japanese Americans, particularly in Hawaii, he stated the conviction that as a group there was no doubting the integrity of these people nor any question as to which side has their support in this war.

(Donald Henderson advocated giving Am. Japs full democratic rights because this would be a factor influencing the instituting a real democratic government in Japan after the war, and not just a puppet and a sham. He felt the Japs would be inspired by our treatment of their brothers over here, and would become good democrats after we'd beaten them)

John C. Baker, Chief, Office of Reports, War Relocation Authority, Washington, D.C....described living conditions (in relocation centers) as at a "minimum standard of decency," providing food and shelter, adequate care in cases of sickness, education for the children, and work in maintenance of center life....

Arthur Upham Pope, Chairman of the Committee on National Morale...noted the fact that certain journalists had attempted to "cast suspicion and

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ill will on this undertaking and those concerned with it" as indication that they were thus taking the Nazi line, "to create suspicion on one community against another," and were by so doing rendering their own patriotism doubtful....

Louis Goldblatt, International Representative of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO (Among other recommendations made this one) America to stop discrimination against Asiatics; amend the naturalization law so that all Orientals can become naturalized citizens, recognizing this as the "single greatest political weapon" for defeating the Axis, and proving to the people of Asia that America is fighting a people's war, and will get the people's peace and a people's war...RESOLUTION unanimously adopted:... this Forum..urges the complete elimination of all forms of discrimination against Japanese Americans...and we (oppose) Bill, S-444, providing to turn over supervision of the War Relocation Centers to the War Department.....

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Keosler Field, Mississippi
March 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keosler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On March 2, 1943, a letter, addressed to Miss Toshi Ohta, 76 Washington Square, So., New York, N.Y. from Subject, was intercepted at Keosler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"I would have been very interested in seeing Farewell to Arms. I never did see it, although I read parts of the book. It's funny that movie owners should show it again in these days of war. You shouldn't wonder though, why wars are fought "over and over again, without much advancement." Dear, you know very well, and if you don't, you'd better ask Takachi right away about the causes of fascism and the nature of imperialistic expansion! The fact that so few of those peace movies and plays never explained this is one reason maybe we are at war now. They would have been really important works of art had they gone all the way, instead of stopping halfway in their condemnation of war. They didn't condemn the causes. But of course, how could they, when they were produced by a billion dollar capitalistic industry.

"The trouble is, as communists have pointed out again and again, pacifism isn't enough. The same psychology that said, 'how true' to Farewell To Arms and the like, said, let us stay peaceful and not take any hand to stop invasion of innocent countries by the Fascists. (That's a broad statement and maybe a little unfair to some.)

"But the great lesson of the past twenty years must certainly be this which we have always said: that Pacifism is not enough."

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335468,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On March 9, 1943, a letter, addressed to Miss Toshi Ohta, 73 Washington Sq. So., New York, N.Y., from Subject, was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"Life here does seem sort of meaningless. In the first place, I am not with you, dear, and makes it seem like all the last seven months have been: just living through time until I can get back to you. Also, though some might say, and according to the army this is true: I am helping serve the country by doing a job, no matter how small. I didn't do it, somebody else would have to do it. But I know very well that I spend much of each day loafing, and there are other ways I could serve my country, and what is more important to me, serve anti-fascism better."

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 25, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SENGGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On March 23, 1943, a letter from Subject to Miss Toshi Ohta, 129 MacDougal Street, New York, N.Y., was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"I spoke last night at supper with two progressives here at camp, formerly quite well known, who have been sidetracked here at camp...the army is scared of giving them any position of influence, or, in the army's own words 'put them in any position where they can influence the opinion of anyone'. So they have been given menial work around here, and in spite of endless requests they made to get transferred to combat duty, etc. etc., here they remain. One is a ward boy in the psychiatric ward-- he was formerly a brilliant psychologist. The other I don't know what they have given him to do.

"These two think that the reason I'm staying here so long is because of the Almanacs and you, but I really don't think so--not for another month or so. (Funny that's what I said last month, isn't it?)."

Operator's Note: The "ward boy" mentioned upon is unquestionably Walter Scott Neff, who is under investigation by this office because of his Communistic tendencies and who is referred to in Memo H.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 54335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On February 11, 1943, a letter, addressed to Subject, from 76 Washington Square, New York City, signed "Toshi", and postmarked "New York, N. Y., Feb 5, 1943, 12:00 M", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"I went up to Am-Rus, and got the Russian thing for you, and it really looks like Greek to me! Hope that the guy who speaks Russian knows what he's gotten in for when he looks at the characters in the song book."

Inclosure: A pamphlet of verses in Russian published by the Am-Russ Music Corporation, Exclusive distributors of Russian and Soviet Music for North America, 37 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y. Price 10¢.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SENGGER, Private,
ASN 84386466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On March 13, 1943, a post card, addressed to Subject, from 76 Wash. Sq., and postmarked "New York, N.Y., Mar 8, 1943, 2:30 PM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi. The face of the card showed a reproduction of a painting by V. P. Yefanov, entitled "In Her New Country" and depicted a Spanish girl in the USSR.

C O P Y

"#22

Dearest: Got this at the "Studio" in Philly -- like our Irving Place Theatre. I'm sorry about "me" ancestry -- if it's causing trouble. Love & keep well.

Your own Toshi."

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
807th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On March 16, 1943, a letter addressed to Subject, from Toshi Ohta, 76 Washington Sq, New York, N.Y., was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"Did you know that Daddy opens in a play "The Family" in Boston on Monday? Same producer put on Arsenic and Old Lace and Life with Father... which are both nuts and having been running for two years. So there is a chance that it will be a hit... I hope. It's only a small part but he is directing all the Japanese fighting scenes, etc., in it and getting credit for it on the programs, etc."

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"Lately I have been working up at Daddy's office...Survey Graphic... so that I can take over his job while he is playing out of town."

Operator's Note:

Name of Miss Ohta's father is not revealed. He is believed to be a Japanese refugee.

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Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage

On March 6, 1943, a letter, written on printed stationery of "Japanese American Committee for Democracy, 76 West 52nd Street, New York, N.Y., Plaza 8-2620", addressed to Subject, from 76 Washington Square, New York, N.Y., signed "Toshi, alias Mrs. Peter Seeger", and postmarked "New York, N.Y., Mar 1, 1943, 10:30 PM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"As you can see I am back in town and also back at the Committee....."

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"P.S. I forgot to tell you we are moving to McDougal St. next to the Provincetown Playhouse (I hope) signed the lease today..."

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On March 18, 1943, a letter, written on printed stationery of "Survey Associates, Inc., Publishers of Survey Graphic-Survey Midmonthly-112 East 19 Street-New York City", addressed to Subject, from 129 MacDougal St., New York, N.Y., signed "Toshi" and postmarked "New York, Madison Sq. Sta., March 16, 1943, 1 AM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"Well, we have moved at last."

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Keesler Field, Mississippi
March 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SNEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On March 16, 1943, a letter, addressed to Subject, from Mrs. Tracy Edson, 1211 S. Bayshore Dr., Miami, Fla., signed "G. mother W.", and postmarked "Miami, Fla, Mar. 11, 1943, 9:30 AM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

The letter itself contains nothing of interest to this office but several newspaper clippings of some significance were enclosed with letter.

1. An AP account of Secretary of Navy Knox's appearance before a Senate Committee reports that Knox states that "we'll probably impose upon her" (referring to Japan) "that she'll never have another fleet-- she has exhibited that she is not qualified to have one" and that it will be the duty of the U. S. to police the Pacific and to prevent any aggressive power from raising its head there after the War. There appears on the margin of this clipping written in ink the following comment: "Impossible to impose such conditions for more than one generation."

2. Copy of letter to the Editor of the Miami Daily News entitled "Russia and the Baltic States" written by Charles Wade. It discusses and defends Russia's right to the Baltic States which she took two years ago. No specific states were mentioned.

3. A newspaper picture of Russian peasants once again on liberated soil with rakes and other implements of farming.

4. Copy of letter to the Editor of the Miami Daily News entitled "Co-operation With Russia" written by D. Ross of Miami. The general theme stated is that Russia has saved the world from fascist domination and that we should co-operate with her. It points out that Lord Beaverbrook, Willkie, Averill Harriman, Dot Parker of the New York Times, Leland Stowe and Ben Robertson of P.M. have urged this action and that certainly they could not be accused of favoring Communism.

Robert C. Jesse III
ROBERT C. JESSE, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 25, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEDGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re : Mail Coverage.

On March 20, 1943, a letter from Subject to his "Grandmother", Mrs. Tracy Edson, 1211 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida, was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"It is possible that I am being hold here because of my former connections with the Almanac Singers and because of my engagement to a Japanese-American, but I doubt it. I have never tried to hide either fact and the latter especially, I believe, the Military Intelligence knows of."

Inclosed with said letter are the following:

1. Newspaper clippings:

C O P Y

Red Press Plays Up Lend-Lease

MOSCOW, March 15,--(AP)----

Pravda, Communist party organ, devoted half its foreign news section today to a report made by Lend-Lease Administrator Edward A. Stettinius, Jr., March 7, on weapons and materials sent to Russia under the lend-lease agreement. The account was contained in a Tass news exchange dispatch from Washington and was dated March 11.

A digest of the report was first printed in Moscow on March 12. Prominent display also was given to the press conference of British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in Washington and to the latest Flying Fortress raid on Western France.

2. Clipping from February 15, 1943, TIME Magazine:

C O P Y

THE NISEI FLIGHT

Sirs:

Representative J. Leroy Johnson is asking Congress to investigate the relocation Centers. The new California Republican has heard rumors that rationing was not being applied to the (internment) camps and that this was

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Subject: PETER SZACHAR (Cont'd)

causing much discontent among people on the West Coast suffering food shortages.

Please note that we evacuees have been suffering shortages since last May. We mothers have been frankly worried about the vitamin-deficient meals every since we were first confined, and have had to supplement our diet with purchases from the outside, of meat, butter, eggs and fruit, which have never been adequate. It might interest you to know that our supper tonight consisted of a bowl of sweetened bean soup, which most Nisei do not like, two pieces of vinegared beets and two slices of pickled radish. Tea and rice completed the meal'.....

We evacuees would gladly and willingly suffer food shortages on the Outside if we were permitted to live in normal communities. Many of our sons and brothers are in the armed forces of the only nation we know and it is with real pride we would make "sacrifices" so that our soldiers should remain the best-fed in the world.....

(Mrs.) Hanna Kozasa

Heart Mountain, Wyo.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 20, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER,
Private, ASN 34386466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Mail Coverage.

On March 15, 1943, a letter, addressed to Subject, from 3374 S. W. 25th St., Miami, Fla., signed "M" and postmarked "Coral Gables, Fla., March 13, 1943, 2:30 PM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Said letter contained the following newspaper article by Associated Press.

C O P Y

THREE COMMUNISTS WIN REVERSAL

Oklahoma City, Feb. 17.—The Criminal court of appeals Wednesday reversed convictions of three defendants in Oklahoma's 1940 Communism trials that attracted national attention.

The decision wiped out sentences of 10 years in the penitentiary and five thousand dollar fines assessed against the trio on charges that they were guilty of criminal syndicalism by belonging to the Communist Party.

The defendants were Allan Shaw, who was Oklahoma City secretary of the party; Mrs. Ina Wood, wife of Robert Wood who was state secretary of the party, and Eli Jaffe, who was a young party worker and lately in newspaper work in New York.

Wood's conviction and similar sentence is also before the appellate court for review.

The main opinion of 37 pages written by Presiding Judge Dick Jones found no competent evidence to show the party sought change by force and violence, and no proof that the defendants or the party advocate principles stated in a vast number of books admitted in the trial.

Nevertheless, it said, if the defendants believe in such doctrines, they should realize that the juries who "unanimously and speedily gave them the maximum sentence under the law were speaking the sentiments of this community in general and that the public is practically unanimous against such doctrines and will not condone such advocations".

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Operator's Note: Probably from Subject's mother.

Robert C. Josey III
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III,
Special Operator, F.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Reesler Field, Mississippi,
March 20, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER,
Private, ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Reesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Mail Coverage.

On March 18, 1943, a letter, addressed to Miss Toshi Ohta, 76 Washington Sq. So, New York, N.Y., from Subject, was intercepted at Reesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"I saw Dave Sackson today. He is just back from a 2 wk. furlough (that is the standard length of them around here). He was running around a lot of the time seeing people in N. Y. & Washington, to get to the bottom of the Special Services Division (morale division-education & recreation) set-up. He is a strange half-grown half-this & half-that situation. Morale work has become so important in the eyes of the brasshats especially when they see its success in German & Russian armies (I hate to class the 2 together, but Germany (in imitation of Russia, largely) & Russia have really gone all out in singing work, etc. History will tell, of course, how effective Germany's lying propaganda is, but all admit the German troops have pretty good morale."

"Did you read of Eli Jaffe, & 2 others being acquitted in the Oklahoma sedition cases? They are good friends of mine. Woody & I came within about a month of being hooked into that round up too. We were singing in Okla. city a little before!

I wonder if this will have any affect on the Bridges case.

I think you met Eli Jaffe once, over at Almanac House. A quiet, nice, Brooklyn boy."

Operator's Note: Sackson is Sergeant David Sackson, ASN 3230674, 394th Technical School Squadron, Reesler Field, Mississippi, who is under investigation by this office for Communist sympathies. This operator invites attention to the fact that Subject states he is a good friend of the Communists named in Exhibit XIV and that Communist Jaffe has been at Almanac House, headquarters of Almanac Singers, of which Subject was a member.

Robert C. Jesse III
ROBERT C. JESSE, III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Reesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER,
Private, ASN 54335406,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Mail Coverage.

On February 11, 1943, a letter, addressed to Subject, from Pvt. Leo Spivaak, 991 T.S.S., Flight C, Atlantic City, N. J., and postmarked "Atlantic City, J.J., Feb 6, 1943, 12 PM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

E X T R A C T

"Polette's a great man. He made the domestic fascists eat crow when they were trying to get his political head on the chopping block."

Operator's Note:

Polette may be former Lt. Governor Polette of New York State.

Robert C. Josey III
ROBERT C. JOSEY III,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 20, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SIEGER, Private,
ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Mail Coverage.

On March 16, 1943, a letter, addressed to Subject, from Julian Bercevic, 5757 Second Blvd., Detroit, Mich., and postmarked "Detroit, Mich., 17, Mar 12, 1943, 11 PM", was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

The writer states that recently he has appeared at several bookings with the Almanac Singers.

He also encloses a copy of a song, the words to which are as follows:

GET TOGETHER, COME ONE, SISTERS

Oh, come folks go by color
And some folks go by the man
But if we want to win to victory
We must go hand in hand. So get together

I've been troubled
I've been tried
I've been ostracized
But if we want to win to victory
We must go side by side. So get together

I've been jimerced all over this land
Ever since Old Black Joe
But I'm gonna pick up my sword and shield
And I ain't gonna run no more. So get together

Freedom, freedom, that's my aim
Fight for it till I die
But till we fighting side by side
I won't be satisfied. So get together.

Chorus

Come one, sisters, join all together
Got together, come one sisters
We've got to defend this land.

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 25, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER,
Private, ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Mail Coverage.

On March 20, 1943, a letter from Subject to John Seeger, 3 Minetta Lane, New York, N. Y., was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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"Have sung on a number of the local shows with some success. The guys like homemade music, I guess. But a number of others also like the politics I throw into the songs, I think."

"Concerning Keesler, I have learned a great deal here. You learn to get along with all kinds. Even when bumming around I could pick my own companions. But here I meet the opinions of every kind of American, it seems like. Good practice, too, in a way, for in my head I think how best to proselytize them! I suppose I am incorrigibly narrow."

"I sure wish I knew more of armies of the other countries, to compare. Books around here are just military handbooks, and tell nothing of the life in the English, German, Russian, Chinese, Indian, etc., armies. I wonder in the end how big their influence is upon the life of a people. Does being in the army permanently change one's thinking habits? I don't think so-not much. At least not this army. There is one thing, though. The mere fact that many races (except Negro) and nationalities and political beliefs live side by side in barracks with no discrimination...that is a good working of democracy. The terrible blot on all our life, of course, is the Negro problem, and the refusal of so many Americans to face it. Incidentally, Toshi's father has been working on Survey Graphic, and she sent me a copy of the November issue, called "Color, the Unfinished Work of Democracy"-and though all the articles or most of them, at least, were written by professors and liberals, in all it was a very interesting number. See if you can get a copy."

"Sure is one big problem though, this gaining equality of woman. I suppose in this country the problem is not so big as in Russia."

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"I do believe though that this problem, like that of the Negro, will really be changed during my lifetime, and this is something to look forward to. You'd be surprised how many people cheered Dear Mr. President because of the democratic politics in it."

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Keesler Field, Mississippi.
March 20, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER,
Private, ASN 34335466,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Mail Coverage.

On March 16, 1943, a postal card addressed to Subject and postmarked "Miami, Fla, 2, Mar 13, 1943, 5:30 PM" was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

The card was originally addressed to P. Seeger, 430 6th Ave., New York City. This street address is marked through and 23 Downing St., New York City substituted therefor. This is crossed out and 3374 S.W. 26 N., Miami, Fla. substituted therefor. The latter is also crossed out and Subject's Keesler Field address entered. It is originally postmarked "Flushing, N.Y., 1, Oct 19, 1942, 3:30 PM".

On the reverse side appears the following:

C O P Y

CAMP RISING SUN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Alumnus:

Remember that Round Robin Letter that's going out to our fellows in the services? Well, it's almost time for us to mail it out, and so, if you haven't already done so, please hurry and send your slips to P.O. Box 33, Walden, N.Y. Should you yourself be in the service already, or about to enter, would you be so kind as to let us know your address and all about it (at P.O. Box 33)?

To discuss the immediate future, we are going to have a meeting at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 23, in our clubroom at 55 W. 44th St., NYC. There will also be fun and refreshments. You might like to have dinner with some of the gang at the Horn and Hardart, 1165 Sixth Ave., Near 45th Street beforehand too.

TAD WRIGHT, Secretary

Operator's Note: The above address "3374 S.W. 26 N., Miami, Fla.," probably should be "3374 S.W. 25 St., Miami, Fla.," this being the present address of Subject's mother as given in Memo M.

Robert C. Josey
ROBERT C. JOSEY,
Special Operator, P.I.O.,
Keesler Field, Mississippi

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Keesler Field, Mississippi,
March 26, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

Subject: PETER SEEGER, Private,
ASN 34335486,
307th Technical School Squadron,
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Re: Mail Coverage.

On March 23, 1943, a letter from Subject to Pvt. Morton Dimondstein, ASN 32638009, Hq Batry. 387 F.A. Bn., A.P.O. 104, Camp Adair, Oregon, was intercepted at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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"Among others here, or near here, is a girl we used to know in the workshop, Sarah B. (and I don't know the rest of her last name. Anyway, she's down here with her husband, and has a new last name.) Her husband is being detained here for investigation by M.I. because he spent part of his life in Germany. Though he is perfectly loyal, needless to say. At any rate, he has been sitting around here for seven months! Sarah lives down in Biloxi, Miss., a mile away, and expects to have a baby soon. Matter of fact, I guess she's quit going to school now, for propriety's sake."

Operator's Note: "Sarah B", referred to above is undoubtedly the wife of Frederick K. Knaessig, ASN 32395644, who is now under investigation by this office for disaffection.

Robert C. Josey III
ROBERT C. JOSEY, III,
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Keesler Field, Mississippi.

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DETAILS: Residence and Employment

[Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised, on March 7, 1951,] ~~(S)~~ u that PETER SEEGER is a member of the Weavers Quartet. The informant stated that this group has recently become popular for its singing renditions by means of recording such songs as "Good Night Irene" and "Tzena, Tzena, Tzena".

[Confidential Informant T-1] ~~(S)~~ u stated that the subject and the remainder of the group are presently on tour in the West. [T-1] said that they will spend several nights in various cities entertaining at theaters, night-clubs, etc. ~~(S)~~ u

[Confidential Informant T-2,] ~~(S)~~ u of known reliability, advised that the following is the itinerary of the Weavers Quartet:

Week of March 22, 1951	- Riverside Casino, Reno, Nevada
Week of March 30, 1951	- Orpheum Theater Omaha, Nebraska
Week of April 13, 1951	- Nicolet Hotel Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Week of April 27, 1951

- This week will be spent making new recordings.

Week of May 13, 1951

- Several appearances in Montreal, Canada (the names of the places where the group will appear are not known to the informant).

Week of May 31, 1951

- Palmer House Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

[Confidential Informant T-1] advised that SEEGER'S business and mailing address is in care of Weavers-Cromwell Music Company, 120 West 52nd Street, New York City. His home address, according to the informant, is Route 9, Beacon, New York, and his home mailing address is Route 9, Beacon, New York. [T-1] related that he expects the subject and his wife will reside at that address for sometime after May, 1951, unless the commitments of the Quartet do not allow this. Mr. and Mrs. SEEGER own a home at the Beacon address. *(Bu)*

Birth Record

Files of the Board of Health, Borough of Manhattan, New York, reflect, on Certificate No. 20503, that PETER SEEGER was born on May 3, 1919, at Manhattan, New York. The father is described as CHARLES LOUIS SEEGER, born in Mexico City, a musician and 32 years of age at the time of subject's birth. The subject's mother's name is shown as CONSTANCE EDSON SEEGER, born in Colorado, housewife, 32 years of age, and the mother of 3 children including PETER. The SEEGER'S residence was shown as Patterson, New York.

Background

[Confidential Informant T-3] of known reliability, furnished the following background information relating to the subject: *(A) u*

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[Confidential Informant T-3] stated that the subject was born as previously stated on May 3, 1910, at New York City. [T-3] stated that the subject's father's name was CHARLES LEWIS SEEGER and his mother's name CONSTANCE SEEGER. The informant related that CHARLES LEWIS SEEGER was a musicologist, that is to say, a person who studies the science and art of music, and assembles the works of various composers into volume or catalog form.

The following are other members of the SEEGER family, according to [Confidential Informant T-3]:

Brothers: CHARLES LEWIS SEEGER, JR.

JOHN SEEGER

Grandmother: Mrs. TRACY EDSON

The subject's education was described by [Confidential Informant T-3] as follows:

1924-1932	Grammar School Springhill, Connecticut (Graduated)
1932-1936	High School Avon-Old-Farms, Connecticut (Graduated)
1936-1938	Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts (Non-graduate)

[Confidential Informant T-3] related that SEEGER was employed from 1940 to 1945 by the Almanac Singers as an entertainer. The informant went on to state that the Almanac Singers was a group of individuals who

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wandered about the United States entertaining by singing folk songs and songs written by members of the group. According to [T-3] PETER SEEGER was the organizer of this group, and, although the group changed from time to time, the subject remained its leader until very shortly before his entering the United States Army. (X) u

SEEGER entered the United States Army on July 24, 1942, through Local Board No. 2, Jackson County, Scottsboro, Alabama. Subject left the United States Army early in 1946.

[Confidential Informant T-3] advised that the subject married EILEEN TASHIHOHTA, of New York City, during 1943. (X) u
SEEGER

Membership and Connection With the Communist Party

[Confidential Informant T-4] of known reliability, reported that the subject was a member of the Communist Party in 1945. The informant obtained this information from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and V. J. JEROME. [T-4] described TRACHTENBERG as an official of the Communist Party and JEROME as a Communist Party member, who was editor of "Political Affairs." (X) u

Concerning "Political Affairs", the "Daily Worker", published January 1, 1945, stated that "'Political Affairs' is a magazine of, by and for American labor for genuine progressive and forward-looking people in every walk of life, who seek authoritative and scientific analysis of political issues and problems as they unfold in the National and world arenas. The 'Political Affairs', like its predecessor 'The Communist' is headed by EARL BROWDER and is the leading journal of Marxist thought and opinion in the United States." EARL BROWDER, during January of 1945, was president of the Communist Political Association.

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~~(S)~~u
[Confidential Informant T-4] recalled that the subject was a folk singer. He believed that SEEGER entertained at a closed dinner session in honor of ELLA REEVE BLOOR, which was held in conjunction with the National Convention of the Communist Party during 1944. The informant also recalled that the subject was very active in People's Songs, Incorporated.

~~(S)~~u
[Confidential Informant T-4] was unable to furnish any further information regarding SEEGER. He said that he lost track of SEEGER'S Communist activity after the latter part of 1945.

~~(S)~~u
[Confidential Informant T-4] stated that ELLA REEVE BLOOR was an old member of the Communist Party and highly respected by Communists.

~~(S)~~u
[Confidential Informant T-5], of known reliability, advised that the subject's services were obtained in connection with the entertainment given at a party held on March 15, 1947 at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 201 West 72nd Street, New York City, and under the auspices of the West Midtown Club of the Communist Party.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised, on July 30, 1947, that the subject attempted to make an appointment with MAX WEISS. T-6 advised that MAX WEISS was employed by the Communist Party at its National headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City. ~~(S)~~u

~~(S)~~u
[Confidential Informant T-7], of known reliability, advised that MAX WEISS was a member of the Communist Party. ~~(S)~~

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[Confidential Informant T-8] of known reliability, advised that PETER SEEGER, 120 Mac Dougal Street, Brooklyn, New York, signed a petition issued by the Communist Party, New York State, 35 East 12th Street, New York City. This petition was addressed to United States Senators ROBERT F. WAGNER and IRVING M. IVES in protest of the Taft-Hartley Law. The petition was circulated during the Spring of 1947, according to the informant.

[Confidential Informant T-9] of known reliability, advised, on September 12, 1940, that the subject was a member of the Communist Party in New York. The informant further advised that the subject was known to ELLA REEVE BLOOR, previously referred to. [T-9] also advised that BLOOR was a member of the Communist Party and was known as a charter member of this organization. (S) u

[Confidential Informant T-10] of known reliability, advised that PETER SEEGER has entertained at closed meetings of the Communist Party. The informant stated that he has never heard of non-Communist Party members being admitted to these meetings. He could not state positively, however, that the subject is a member of the Communist Party. (S) u

[Confidential Informant T-11] of known reliability, advised that the Communist Party uses PETE SEEGER as its chief entertainer. According to the informant, the subject is available for entertainment at any type of Party meeting. [T-11] advised that SEEGER has been hired on numerous occasions by MAY MILLER, New York State Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, to entertain at closed meetings of the Communist Party and rallies held by that organization. (S) u

The following Confidential Informants, of known reliability, were unable to furnish information relating to Communist Party membership on the part of the subject: [T-12, T-13, T-14, T-15, and T-16] (S) u

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Subject's Activities in Singing Organizations

The following information is being set forth so that SEEGER'S activity with various singing organizations will be made clear:

Almanac Singers

The New York "World Telegram", published January 4, 1943, described the Almanac Singers as a group which had performed songs highly critical of the United States building a larger Army and Navy, Selective Service, aid to Britain, etc. The organization suddenly changed the tone of their songs to one favoring the above and urging greater activity in defense and Selective Service when the Soviet Union was attacked and at war with Germany.

[Confidential Informant T-3] verified the above information. [T-3] stated that Almanac Singers was a group which traveled throughout the United States concentrating on the Southern States. [T-3] stated that the Almanac Singers all used the same last name professionally. This name was BOWERS. The subject therefore was known while serving with the Almanac Singers as PETER BOWERS. [T-3] reported that the members of the Almanac Singers changed from time to time, but that the subject remained with them constantly. According to the informant, two of the individuals who appeared with the Almanac Singers were WOODIE GUTHRIE and MILLARD LAMPELL. CP Member

[Confidential Informant T-9] described GUTHRIE as a member of the Communist Party, who was a singer and resided in New York during 1949.

[Confidential Informant T-4] advised that MILLARD LAMPELL was a Communist and among the first writers of Communist leanings to infiltrate the radio writing field.

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[Confidential Informant T-3] ^{OXu} stated that the Almanac Singers were booked through the International Workers Order on many occasions during their travels.

The International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Almanac Singers were cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee in its report of 1948, page 49, as a group of Communist entertainers.

People's Songs, Incorporated

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, published March 31, 1945, page 7, column one, reflected that PETER SEEGER was among those who founded an organization known as People's Songs. The article, which was written by WOODIE GUTHRIE, previously mentioned, stated that People's Songs, Incorporated, was being organized to make songs available throughout the United States for entertainment at "Progressive" affairs, picket lines, etc. GUTHRIE stated that People's Songs would publish new music and knew others for use in conjunction with matters of current interest regarding labor and legislative activity. The same article stated that WOODIE GUTHRIE assisted SEEGER in organizing People's Songs.

Records of the Department of State, New York Supreme Court, as reviewed by SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN in January, 1949, reflect that People's Songs, Incorporated was formed pursuant to the Corporation laws of the State of New York, on February 13, 1946. In the original application for incorporation, it was reflected that PETER SEEGER was to be one of the Directors of the Corporation.

The "People's Songs Bulletin," published for July and August, 1948, listed PETER SEEGER as Chairman of the organization, according to [T-6] ^{OXu}

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The above mentioned "Bulletin" reflected that it was published by People's Songs, Incorporated, every two months.

[Confidential Informant T-3] ~~AM~~ furnished several issues of "People's Songs Bulletin". It was found that these "Bulletins" contained news regarding local chapters of People's Songs, Incorporated, throughout the United States, as well as words and music for songs and suggestions as to their production. It was also noted that some of the songs were traditional American folk songs while others were highly critical of the foreign policy of the United States, the treatment of Negro people and the Taft-Hartley Law.

The 1948 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, page 392, cited People's Songs, Incorporated, as a Communist front organization. The report stated, "All productions of People's Songs, Incorporated, follow the Communist Party line ~~AM~~ assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

The "People's Songs Bulletin", published February, 1949, announced that People's Songs was being discontinued due to lack of funds. The same "Bulletin" announced that PETER SEEGER was National Director of the People's Songs, Incorporated.

[Confidential Informant T-17] ~~AM~~ of known reliability, advised that PETER SEEGER was President of People's Artists Concert Booking Agency.

The 1948 report, page 392, of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited People's Artists as a Communist front organization.

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The "New York World Telegram", of September 25, 1946, carried an article on page 24, by ~~FREDERICK WOLTMAN~~ to the effect that the subject and other of People's Songs, Incorporated, "a Communist musical troupe" are selling "class struggle to the masses" over the New York City owned radio station WNYC, every Monday night. WOLTMAN asserted that People's Songs, Incorporated have written songs for the Communist Party May Day Parade.

The Weavers

[Confidential Informant T-18, ~~of~~ known unreliability, advised, on June 16, 1950,] that PETE SEEGER was singing with a quartet known as The Weavers. The informant advised that The Weavers was the outgrowth of a group known as the Almanac Singers, which group was active during the Progressive Party campaign in 1948. (S) u

According to [Confidential Informant T-17,] the group first sang at the Progressive Party Convention, in Philadelphia, and later at rallies and meetings held during the campaign. The informant stated that this group consisted of 4 individuals, who were the subject, LEE HAYS, RONNIE SILBERT, a woman, and FRED HELLERMAN. The quartet later became known as The Weavers, according to the informant. (S) u

[Confidential Informant T-18] stated that FRED HELLERMAN was a member of the Communist Party, in 1949. (S) u

[Confidential Informant T-9] advised that LEE HAYS was a member of the Communist Party and was known to ELLA REEVE BLOOR, previously mentioned. [T-9] went on to state that LEE HAYS has written and published songs for the Communist Party and that he resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with WALTER LOWENFELS, the Philadelphia correspondent for the "Daily Worker", and the Pennsylvania edition of "The Worker", both of which are East Coast Communist newspapers. (S) u

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[X] Confidential Informant T-4^(A) advised, on May 18, 1948, that LEE HAYS was a Communist.

[X] During 1940, Confidential Informant T-6^{(A)u} advised that RONNIE GILBERT was connected with People's Songs, Incorporated, during the time that that organization existed.

Subject's Activity on Behalf of the Communist Party and Communist Party Fronts

[X] Confidential Informant T-3^{(A)u} advised that the subject was Secretary of the Harvard Student Union, a Chapter of the American Students Union, while he attended Harvard University in 1936 and 1937.

The American Student Union was cited as a Communist front on January 3, 1939, page 80, January 3, 1940, page 9, June 25, 1942, page 16, and March 29, 1944, page 159, in reports of the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

[X] Confidential Informant T-6^{(A)u} advised, during 1946, that PETE SEEGER was listed among new lecturers for the Jefferson School of Social Science, according to the catalog of that School for the Fall term, 1946. According to the informant, SEEGER was described in the catalog as National Director of People's Songs, Incorporated, and widely known as a folk singer, recording artist, and musician.

The "Daily Worker", published March 29, 1946, page 10, column 5, reflected that SEEGER was scheduled to be an entertainer at a supper held by the Community Club No. 2, Thomas Jefferson Section, Communist Party, New York State, held on March 31, 1946, at 201 West 72nd Street, New York City.

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The "Daily Worker", published May 24, 1946, page 8, column 2, indicated that SEEGER was scheduled to be an entertainer at a Veterans' Conference held at the Central Plaza Annex, 40 East 7th Street, New York City, May 5, 1946. The Conference was under the sponsorship of the American Youth For Democracy.

The American Youth For Democracy has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[Confidential Informant T-19,] ^{(A)u} of known reliability, advised that the subject appeared on the platform of the May Day Parade, held on May 1, 1946, under the sponsorship of the United May Day Committee.

The United May Day Committee has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker", published May 1, 1946, page 6, column one, contained May Day greetings from the "Disc Company of America, official producers of USSR records." It was indicated in this advertisement that PETER SEEGER was a recording artist of the Disc Company of America.

[Confidential Informant T-20,] ^{(A)u} of known reliability, advised, on May 7, 1946, that a Win the Peace Rally was held at the Hotel Granada, Brooklyn, New York. PETER SEEGER sang at this affair, and represented People's Songs, Incorporated at the meeting. The informant stated that many Communists were present at the meeting.

[Confidential Informant T-20,] ^{(A)u} advised that the subject was a sponsor for the Veterans Against Discrimination of the Civil Rights Congress of New York, 55 West 42nd Street, New York City. The informant furnished this information on May 20, 1946.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker", published September 5, 1946, page 7, column 3, advised that an entertainment was to take place on September 15, 1946, at Town Hall, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress and staged by People's Songs, Incorporated. SEEGER was featured among the entertainers to appear on the program.

Confidential Informant T-21, of known reliability, advised, on June 11, 1947, that a meeting was held at Manhattan Center, New York City, under the auspices of "Main Stream", which the informant described as a Marxist literary quarterly. The meeting protested the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives having conducted an investigation regarding Communism, in Hollywood, California. Speakers at this meeting felt that the Hollywood actors, producers, etc., should not be investigated and that the Committee on Un-American Activities should be abolished.

[According to Confidential Informant T-21, SEEGER was present and sang a number of songs which strictly followed the Communist Party line.]

The "Daily Worker" published July 11, 1947, page 11, column 5, announced that PETER SEEGER was holding a party in honor of BOOTS CASSETTA, an individual associated with People's Songs, Incorporated. This party was to be held at SEEGER'S home, 120 Mac Dougal Street, New York City. Any person reading the advertisement was invited to attend the party.

The "Daily Worker", published August 16, 1947, page 8, column 1, advertised a week-end holiday to be held for "New Masses", at Camp Allaben, Napanoch, New York. The advertisement advised that the week-end was to be Labor Day week-end, and sports, entertainment and lectures were offered to those who attended.

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PETER SEEGER, "well known folk singer" was one of the entertainers scheduled to appear at the above.

"New Masses" was cited as a Communist front publication by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 79th Congress, on March 29, 1944.

~~NY~~ [Confidential Informant T-6 advised, on October 8, 1947, that People's Songs planned to hold its first National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. PETE SEEGER was Director of People's Songs at that particular time, according to the informant. (X)]

A rally was held on October 24, 1945 at the Hotel Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Incorporated. The subject was observed as one of the entertainers at the meeting. This meeting was attended by SAS HOWARD LITTLE and EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and the subject was observed by them. The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, it may be noted, has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

~~NY~~ [Confidential Informant T-22, of known reliability, advised, on July 16, 1947, that a meeting of the Progressive Forum took place at 13 Astor Place, New York City, on the above mentioned date. The subject was present and sang a number of folk songs. (X)]

[Confidential Informant T-22] stated that a number of those present at the above meeting were members of the Communist Party. (X)

[Confidential Informant T-19] advised that SEEGER furnished entertainment at a number of Progressive Forums held during 1947. The informant did not know the exact dates on which they were held. (X)

[Confidential Informant T-18, on July 20, 1950, advised that during 1947 HARRY KLEIN, a Communist Party member, ran the Progressive Forums at the Panel Room, 13 Astor Place, New York City. The Forums consisted of (X)]

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political discussions following the Communist Party line. KLEIN discussed his plans for the Forum with Communist Party members and he was criticized on several occasions by the Communist Party when they were not pleased with the speakers, subjects, etc. of the Forums.

☐ Confidential Informant T-18 ^{DA} also advised that SEEGER was one of the entertainers for the Progressive Forum meetings.

The "Daily Worker", published April 4, 1948, page 10, column 4, contained an article advertising a concert, entitled "Songs For Action", sponsored by People's Songs, Brooklyn branch, to be held at the St. Felix Street Playhouse, 126 St. Felix Street, Brooklyn, on April 4, 1948. The subject was scheduled to be present.

The "Daily Worker", published April 5, 1948, page 12, column 4, announced that the subject was to be an entertainer at "Showtime for Wallace", on April 5, 1948, sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, at Cafe Society Downtown.

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front organization by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report for 1949, page 698.

"~~The~~ Pilot", a publication of the National Maritime Union of America - CIO, published April 9, 1948, page 8, column 1, reflected that the subject would attend a dance held by the National Maritime Union's Women Auxiliary on April 23, 1948, at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City, under the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. PAUL ROBESON.

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[In June, 1950, Confidential Informant T-4] (X)u advised that PAUL ROBESON was a concealed Communist Party member in the years prior to 1945. The informant had no information regarding the subject subsequent to that time.

The "Daily Worker", published March 26, 1948, page 12, column 1, announced that People's Songs, Incorporated was presenting an "Un-American Hootenanny", featuring PETE SEEGER and others, at Irving Plaza, 15 Irving Place, New York City, March 26, 1948.

The "Daily Worker", published May 14, 1948, page 6, column 1, announced "Freedom records presents 'Ballads for un-Americans' written by OSCAR BRAND, featuring PETE SEEGER."

[Confidential Informant T-19] (X)u advised that OSCAR BRAND appeared in the May Day Parade, during either 1948 or 1949 as a singer with PETE SEEGER.

[Confidential Informant T-23] (X)u of known reliability, advised that the subject was an entertainer at a National Convention of the National Conference on American Foreign Policy in Greece, at the Hotel Capitol, New York City, on June 5-6, 1948.

[Confidential Informant T-15] (X)u advised, on June 10, 1948, that the National Conference on American Foreign Policy in Greece, held June 5-6, 1948 was called by the American Council for a Democratic Greece, which organization has been declared the the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Greek-American Tribune", published June 11, 1948, page 1, announced the above Conference, and stated that the subject entertained at it. The "Tribune" stated that the Conference protested American opposition to the Communist Government in Greece and accused the United States of attempting to place Fascists in power in Greece.

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[Confidential Informant T-24] of known reliability, advised that the "Greek-American Tribune" located at 132 West 14th Street, New York City, is headquarters for Greek Communists in the United States. The informant also related that this publication continuously follows the Communist Party line.

[Confidential Informant T-25] of known reliability, advised that a Caucus for Peace was held on April 9, 1949, at Manhattan Center, sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Appeal Committee. Members of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade were present and spoke against inclusion of Franco Spain in the Atlantic Pact. The subject sang a song which was sung by members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Appeal Committee and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker", published April 28, 1949, page 12, column 5, announced that PETE SEEGER, FRED HELLERMAN, LEE HAYS and others planned a show known as "Now Is The Time" in honor of the 12 indicted Communist leaders at the Panel Room, 13 Astor Place, New York City, on April 30, 1949, immediately following the May Day Parade. Individuals who took part in the May Day Parade were invited to attend.

The "Daily Worker", published May 5, 1949, page 13, column 3, announced that the "Now Is The Time" show was sponsored by the Cultural Division of the Communist Party.

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[Confidential Informants T-15 and T-22 advised that the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy sponsored a rally at City Center Casino, entitled "Hail New China Ally For Peace". The meeting favored immediate recognition of Communist China by the United States and the subject was one of the entertainers at the meeting. ~~XX~~] *du*

The Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy was cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker", published August 15, 1949, page 11, column 1, announced that People's Artists, Incorporated were presenting a Summer musical concert starring PAUL ROBESON as featured artist for the benefit of the Harlem Civil Rights Congress on August 27, 1949 at Lakeland Acres Picnic Grounds, Peekskill, New York. The subject was scheduled to appear on the program with ROBESON and the meeting was for the benefit of the Harlem Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress. The "New York Times" published August 28, 1949, page 1, column 2, and page 52, column 3, announced that representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars picketed the entrance to the above picnic grounds, preventing the concert goers from entering the picnic grounds.

The "Daily Worker", published August 24, 1949, announced that the picnic grounds mentioned above were picketed on August 27, 1949 by a group of Fascists, who belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other organizations. The paper accused the local Police Departments of not furnishing adequate protection for the artists and concert goers. The article went on to relate that PETE SEEGER was one of approximately 40 artists and concert goers who succeeded in getting into the picnic grounds and who were attacked by the "Fascist mob".

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The "New York Times", dated September 2, 1949, page 2, and the "Daily Worker", of September 1, 1949, page 3, column 1, announced that another concert, similar to that mentioned above, would be held on September 3, 1949 at Hollow Brook Golf Course, Peekskill, New York, under the auspices of the Westchester Citizens Committee for Law and Order, and the Civil Rights Congress.

The Westchester Citizens Committee for Law and Order was organized of individuals who unsuccessfully attempted to attend the first ROBESON concert, according to the "Daily Worker" article.

The "Daily Worker", published September 5, 1949, page 3, column 1, announced that the subject appeared at the second concert held at Peekskill, New York, on September 3, 1949.

[Confidential Informant T-10] advised that PETE SEEGER sang at the September 3, 1949 concert [T-10] also advised that a protest parade was staged by several veterans organizations during the concert and the automobiles of several of the concert goers were stoned by people who protested the concert. *ax u*

The "Daily Worker", published September 29, 1949, page 13, column 3, announced that Charter Records, a "Progressive record company" produced a record known as the "Peekskill Story" with HOWARD FAST as narrator and featuring PETE SEEGER and The Weavers.

The "Daily Worker", published November 10, 1949, page 10, column 1, announced that HOWARD FAST made a speech at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on October 29, 1949, at which time he made the following remarks:

"....There is no nobler, no finer product of man's existence on this earth than the Communist Party. At its worst, it is better than the best that this rotten and dying ruling class of ours has brought forth...."

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The "New York Sun", published December 12, 1949, page 15, stated that PETER SEEGER was one of 27 who filed suit in Federal Court for a total of \$2,000,000.00 because they were deprived of their civil rights and suffered personal injuries which allegedly took place when they attempted to hold Sunday afternoon concerts near Peekskill, New York, during August and September, 1949. The plaintiffs asked for a permanent Court Order to enjoin the defendants from future interference with their right to assemble in Westchester County.

In connection with the riots held at Peekskill, New York, during August and September, 1949, the "Daily Worker", published September 1, 1949, page 3, column 1, advised that the subject appeared at a protest meeting held at the Golden Gate Ballroom in Harlem on August 30, 1949. PAUL ROBESON and ~~BEN DAVIS~~ also appeared.

DAVIS, it will be noted, is one of the 11 Communist leaders convicted in Federal Court on charges of teaching and advocating the overthrow of the United States Government.

The "Daily Worker", published September 9, 1949, page 5, columns 4 and 5, announced a city wide Labor Youth League meeting at Manhattan Center on September 9, 1949 in protest of the "violence" at Peekskill. The subject was scheduled to entertain.

[Confidential Informant T-19] ~~(P)~~ u advised that the subject appeared at the above meeting. ~~(P)~~ u

Mr. MELVIN ~~WILLIAMSON~~, National Administrative Secretary of the Labor Youth League, stated at a public Lenin Memorial meeting held at Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street, New York City, in 1947, that the Labor Youth League would be for the youth of the present, what the Young Communist League had been for the youth of the 1930's.

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The Young Communist League and the Labor Youth League, it will be noted, have been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[During 1949, Confidential Informant T-26] of known reliability, advised that a record was produced by Encore Records, Incorporated, on which the subject was a singer. The record was entitled "The Talking Atom" and the song expressed an opinion that the United States would use the Atom Bomb to back up its capitalist form of Government and to intimidate other smaller nations.

[Confidential Informant T-27] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON gave a concert, on March 28, 1950, at Manhattan Center for the benefit of victims of the "Peekskill Riots", which took place in August and September, 1949. The subject was among the entertainers at the concert. [Security of the hall was entrusted to Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.] HOWARD FAST, previously mentioned, told those present of the violence which took place at the concerts. He stated that he was present on both occasions having been selected as Master of Ceremonies. FAST told of the 40 young men and women who held back the American Legion and Catholic War Veterans "attackers".

The "Daily Worker", published March 29, 1950, page 4, column 1, described the above concert by PAUL ROBESON, which was titled "Shoulder to Shoulder". It was stated that this concert protested Federal Judge CONGERS delay of a hearing on the Federal Damage Suit filed by PAUL ROBESON and others, among whom was the subject. The "Daily Worker" stated that the subject appeared on the program.

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[Confidential Informant T-18 advised, on March 24, 1950,] that he saw a photograph taken during the May Day Parade during 1948 or 1949. The informant advised that the subject appeared in this photograph standing on a float with a banjo in his hands and apparently in the process of singing a song. The informant could not recall precisely which year the photograph was taken. *AM*

The "Daily Worker", published April 30, 1950, page 32, column 5, announced a May Day Jamboree, was to be held May 1, 1950, at the St. Nicholas Arena after the May Day Parade. The subject was one of those scheduled to appear on the program.

The "Daily Worker", published May 15, 1950, page 4, column 4, described the funeral services of a deceased lawyer named JOSEPH BRODSKY. The article described him as a Communist who died at an early age because of his devotion to the Party. The article contained a statement made by PETE SEEGER that BRODSKY never asked for a legal fee when he gave legal advice to People's Songs.

The "Daily Worker", published May 19, 1950, page 1, column 5, announced that WILLIAM PATTERSON, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, HOWARD FAST and the subject were scheduled to address a special membership meeting of People's Artists at the headquarters of the organization, 106 East 14th Street, New York City. It was stated that plans were in the offing to set up cultural units to operate in political and economic campaigns of the unions and mass organizations. Special emphasis would be given to the creation of cultural units for the re-election of VITO MARCANTONIO to the House of Representatives and to the struggle for peace and Civil rights.

The above mentioned May Day Parades were sponsored by the United May Day Committee, which Committee has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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[Confidential Informant T-4] has stated that VITO MARCANTONIO was under the discipline of the Communist Party for a number of years, and that he followed the Communist Party line in all of his political endeavors.

The "Daily Worker", published September 26, 1950, page 8, column 5, announced a meeting entitled "Spotlight on Asia" featuring ~~SEEK HUN KIMM~~, North Korean diplomat, on October 9, 1950, at the Hotel Diplomat. The meeting was sponsored by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

Miscellaneous

[Confidential Informant T-28, of unknown reliability, advised, on September 15, 1948, that he visited Camp Woodland near Phoenicia, New York, where he observed the subject singing songs which followed the Communist Party line. The informant advised that this was a Camp for children where they were inculcated with Communist ideologies.

[Confidential Informant T-3] advised that while the subject was serving with the United States Army at Keosler Field, Mississippi, he was a constant associate of ~~WALTER S. NEFF~~, a Communist, and ~~DAVID SACKSON~~ and ~~NICK DEMAS~~, who were exceedingly friendly toward the Communist Party. [T-3] also stated that the subject was a friend of ~~ELY JAFFE~~, a Communist worker in the State of Oklahoma, prior to 1942.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SA GORDON C. LUND, contained no record of the subject.

Description

The following descriptive information was obtained from [Confidential Informant T-1] except where otherwise noted:

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Name: PETER SEEGER, was: Pete
Seeger, Pete Bowers
Address: Route 9, Beacon, New York
[According to Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2] *gm*
Former address: 129 Mac Dougal Street
Brooklyn, New York
[According to Confidential Informant T-6] *gm*
Date of Birth: May 3, 1919
Place of Birth: New York, New York
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 143 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Build: Slim
Complexion: Fair; face badly pimpled
Scars or marks: Rather prominent red nose
Marital Status: Married
Relatives: CONSTANCE SEEGER (Mother)
CHARLES L. SEEGER (Father)
CHARLES L. SEEGER, JR. (Brother)
JOHN SEEGER (Brother)
EILEEN TASHI OHTA SEEGER (Wife)
Army Serial No: 34335466
Race: White

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Confidential Informant T-6 advised, on January 24, 1949, that the first "A.D. Citizen", published by the American Labor Party, 1st Assembly District, 28 Greenwich Avenue, New York City, Volume 3, No. 3, January, 1949, announced a Legislative Conference held by the American Labor Party on January 29, 1949, at the Hotel Brevoort, 5th Avenue and 8th Street, New York City. One PETER SEEGER was a sponsor. ~~u~~

The American Labor Party was cited as a Communist Party front on March 29, 1944 by the House of Representatives, Committee on Un-American Activities. ~~u~~

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[Confidential Informant T-29,] of known reliability, advised that the name of CHARLES SEEGER, the subject's father appeared in the indices of the American Peace Mobilization, during 1940. ~~u~~

The American Peace Mobilization has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. ~~u~~

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[Confidential Informant T-30,] of known reliability, advised that RUTH CRAWFORD SEEGER, step-mother of the subject, and CHARLES SEEGER, father of the subject, were friendly during the 1940's with JENNIE MILLER, wife of ROBERT T. MILLER, III, whom [Confidential Informant T-31,] of known reliability, described as being involved in a Soviet espionage conspiracy. [T-30] stated that he believed the subject was acquainted with the above individuals, but could not further describe the acquaintance. ~~u~~

[Confidential Informant T-32, of unknown reliability, advised, on June 19, 1942,] that TAKASHI OHTA wrote articles for a Communist newspaper published in the United States in the Japanese language and distributed in the United States and Japan prior to 1941. The informant also stated that OHTA was a Captain in the Chinese Communist Army many years before he came to the United States, and had previously been exiled for political reasons. ~~u~~

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[Confidential Informant T-32] described VIRGINIA ~~BARRY~~ OHTA, the wife of TAKASHI OHTA, as a Communist fellow traveler. Mr. and Mrs. OHTA, described above, are the parents of EILEEN T. OHTA, the subject's wife.

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[Confidential Informant T-3] advised that EILEEN OHTA SEEGER was Recording Secretary of the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy about 1943, while the subject served in the United States Army.

[Confidential Informant T-33] of known reliability, advised that the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy was a Communist dominated organization, which existed in the United States during World War II and attempted to influence Japanese in the United States and Japanese-Americans towards Communist thought.

[Confidential Informant T-34] of known reliability, advised during March, 1949 that a check for \$30.45 was made out by the Communist Party, New York State, to one PETE SEEGER, not further identified.

It will be noted that the publication "Red Channels" was reviewed. The information contained therein with one exception was already included in the details of this report. The exception mentioned above is the fact that the subject is alleged to have been an instructor in Schools for Political Action, a session of which was held in Washington, D.C. "Red Channels" claims that the subject appeared in the catalog of this School. A lead is being set out for Washington Field to attempt to verify this. The School allegedly was in session June 26-29, 1946.

[Confidential Informant T-6] advised on October 8, 1947 that People's Songs planned to hold its first National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, during 1948. It will be noted that the subject was National Director of this organization; therefore, a lead is being set out for Chicago in an attempt to

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develop further information regarding the subject. ~~(S)~~

The "Daily Worker" of October 1, 1947, page 11, column 5, indicated that the subject was in Los Angeles.

For the same reason as stated above, a lead is being set out for Los Angeles.

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CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will contact informants and other sources for information regarding the People's Songs Convention allegedly held during 1947, at Chicago. ~~(X)~~ ~~U~~

DETROIT

At Detroit, Michigan

~~(X)~~ ~~U~~ It will be noted that Confidential Informant T-3 advised that the Almanac Singers spent considerable time at Detroit. It is therefore requested that available sources of information be contacted in an attempt to learn further the activities of the Almanac Singers.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will contact available sources and check indices in an attempt to develop information regarding subject's trip to that City during 1947.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will attempt to verify the fact that the subject was an instructor in Schools for Political Action in Washington, D.C., June 26-29, 1946. It will be noted that "Red Channels" reflects that the subject taught in this School, according to the School's official catalog.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await the Bureau's decision regarding the FD-122 which has been submitted.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JOHN J. CONNOLLY, at New York, dated March 28, 1951, are as follows:

T-1 A pretext call to the Weavers-Cromwell Music Company, 129 West 52nd Street, New York City, made by the writer.

T-2 [REDACTED]

T-3 G-2 report dated March 25, 1943.

T-4

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LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Communist Party member and Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker" presently Assistant Professor at Fordham University. He was interviewed by SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY on June 30, 1950.

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[REDACTED] interviewed by SA CHARLES F. HEINER.

T-6

[REDACTED] contacted by SAS EVERETT K. DEANE and HERBERT P. LARSON.

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Petitions received by US Senators ROBERT WAGNER and IRVING IVES and turned over to the Bureau. The petitions were forwarded by the Bureau to New York with letter dated June 9, 1947 captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA".

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T-9 [redacted] contacted by SA
THOMAS F. HANNIGAN, September 12,
1949.

T-10 [redacted] contacted by
SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-11 [redacted] contacted by SA
EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-12 [redacted] contacted by SA
FRANK J. SMITH.

T-13 [redacted] contacted by SA
RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-14 [redacted] contacted by SA
RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-15 [redacted] contacted by SA
RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-16 [redacted] contacted by SA
RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-17 [redacted]
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T-18 [redacted] contacted by SA
HEINRICH VON ECKARDT.

T-19 [redacted]
[redacted] contacted by
SA AUGUST J. MICEK.

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[redacted] contacted by SA
EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-23

[redacted] contacted
on June 19, 1948 by SA
VICTOR A. LEMAITRE.

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[redacted] This
individual has furnished
reliable information on
Greek Communist activities
in the past. He was inter-
viewed by SA MICHAEL S.
BOHAN.

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[redacted] contacted by SA
CHARLES F. HEINER,
April 9, 1949.

T-26

[redacted] who was inter-
viewed by SAS THORNTON M.
WOOD and MELVIN A. THOMPSON,
and who played the phono-
graph record mentioned in
this report.

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[redacted] contacted by SA
FRANK R. LONGO.

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[redacted] interviewed
September 15, 1948 by SA
CHARLES F. HEINER.

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An anonymous source

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[redacted] interviewed on
June 19, 1942 at the New
York Office. Name of inter-
viewing agent not available.

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T-34

[redacted] contacted by SA (A)
CHRISTOPHER MORAN.

REFERENCE: New York letter to the Bureau, 8/8/50.

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DATE: 2/15/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: ~~PETER SEEGER~~, wa
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On 2/13/57 AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the Federal Grand Jury in NYC had returned True Bills against the subject for contempt on 2/8/57 and he expected to take further action in the immediate future.

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DATE: 2/11/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa: Peter Bowers
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FEB 25 1957X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME PETER SEEGERALIASES Peter BowersNATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ALIEN COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB RACE W SEX MDATE OF BIRTH 5/3/19 PLACE OF BIRTH Manhattan, New YorkBUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Self-employed as entertainer (singer of folk songs and banjo player)

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER RESPONSIBILITY INTERESTED AGENCIES RESIDENCE ADDRESS Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York
(Post Office Box 328)

REGISTERED MAIL

AJG:kid

NW: 1280 DocId: 31709997 Page 3 80695

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Rebulet to New York, 1/11/57.

Captioned subject is being recommended for inclusion on the Security Index in accordance with referenced letter for the following reasons:

On 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that the subject was a member of the CP. *(Pgh requested to furnish etc.)*

LOUIS F. BUDENZ advised on 6/30/50 that the subject was a member of the CP in 1945.

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On 4/30/53, [] identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. (Source has furnished reliable information in the past.)

On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949.

On 9/23/55, source advised that in about 1948 he personally observed the subject, after entertaining the staff at Camp Lakeland, Hopewell Junction, New York, hand out cards to join the CP and give a speech urging the staff to join the Party. (Source has furnished reliable information in the past.)

During the period 1940 to 1957, the subject, as entertainer, has repeatedly appeared at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In August, 1955, the subject appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 7/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt by House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before the HCUA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-241970)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107274)
SUBJECT: ELLIOTT SULLIVAN, was
SM - C

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 10/23/56.

On 12/28/56, AUSA CLEMENT J. HALLANAN advised SA HENRY C. RUDA that no action has yet been initiated in presenting the matter concerning the refusal of ELLIOTT SULLIVAN to answer questions before the HCUA, to a Grand Jury.

AUSA HALLANAN advised that he plans to present the matter concerning ELLIOTT SULLIVAN, PETER SEEGER, and MARTIN YARUS, wa: George Tyne, before the Grand Jury sometime in January.

In connection with the above presentation, AUSA HALLANAN requested any information which the Bureau may have concerning ELLIOTT SULLIVAN, GEORGE TYNE, and PETER SEEGER, stating that he had no other info other than the transcripts of testimony of those individuals before the HCUA.

Unless advised^{to}/the contrary, the NYO will furnish AUSA HALLANAN with the following pertinent reports by 1/8/56:

5-Bureau (100-241970) (RM)
(1-100-200845) (PETER SEEGER)
(1-100-382983) (MARTIN YARUS, was.)
1-New York (100-83801) (PETER SEEGER)
1-New York (100-106209) (MARTIN YARUS, was.)
1-New York (100-107274)

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"ELLIOTT SULLIVAN, was; SM - C" - Summary report
of SA HENRY C. RUDA, dated 4/30/56, at New York.

"MARTIN YARUS, was; SM - C" - Summary report of
SA FRANCIS J. HANRAHAN, dated 4/23/54, at Los Angeles.

"PETER SEEGER, was; SM - C" - Report of SA ARTHUR
J. GREENE, JR., dated 12/21/56, at New York.

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WITH ALIAS, GEORGE ITAN, SECURITY MATTER - C. PETERSSEGER,
SECURITY MATTER - C.

Reurairtel January 1, 1957.

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Furnish to Assistant United States Attorney Clement J. Hallinan report on each subject mentioned in reairtel. Advise Hallinan reports for his information only, that they contain both admissible and inadmissible evidence and that the fact he is receiving reports is not indication that witnesses to information therein can or will be made available for testimony. Point out that facts in reports are for his information and should not be introduced in Grand Jury proceeding in connection with prosecution of contempt case.

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100-341970 (Elliott Sullivan)
100-363003 (Martin Varus)
100-200815 (Peter Seeger)

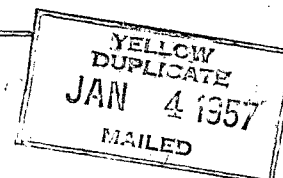
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subjects refused to answer questions in hearing before HCUA. House passed resolutions furnishing facts to USA, Southern District, New York, for prosecution for contempt of Congress. USA requested New York Office for background information on subjects. This is considered legitimate request and similar requests have been honored in past. New York instructed to advise AUSA regarding limited extent to which reports may be used. Each report mentioned is already in possession of Department in Washington. Sullivan is on Security Index. Varus and Seeger were deleted from Security Index under Review Program.

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The Bureau is of the opinion that subject's name should be included in the Security Index.

A review of Bureau files reflects that subject was reported to be a member of the Communist Party (CP) as late as 1950 and during the period of his CP membership he was reported to have actively urged various persons and groups to join the CP. During the period 1948 to 1956 subject, as entertainer, repeatedly appeared at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In August, 1955, subject appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained.

In view of subject's past and present activities which indicate that he continues to be sympathetic to the communist cause, you should submit an FD-122 recommending his name for inclusion in the Security Index.

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Subject's Security Index card cancelled 10/12/55.

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which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. During August, 1955, the subject refused to discuss groups before which he had played when questioned by HCUA which held hearings in NYC regarding possible Communist infiltration of the entertainment field. On 7/25/56 the subject was cited for contempt by House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before the HCUA. During May, 1953, when contacted by Bureau agents, the subject stated "I think I had just better not say anything." The subject indicated a voting preference for the ALP during 1952, 1953 and 1954.

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DETAILS: Individuals, organizations, institutions and publications designated by an asterisk (*) are documented in the Appendix of this report.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Identification Record

The following is the identification record of the subject which appears in the files of the Identification Division of the FBI under number 754 610 A:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received
Army	Peter Seeger #23225466	7-24-42 Ft Mc Clellan Ala.

B. Residence

[On November 1, 1956, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York. (u)]

C. Previous Residences

[On December 5, 1950, T-2, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that on November 24, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. PETER SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York City, indicated that they were no longer residing at this address and could be reached care of Cromwell Music, 129 West 52nd Street, New York, New York. (u)]

[On December 14, 1955, T-3, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the subject and his wife and two children were residing off Route 9D, near Camp Beacon, Beacon, New York. (u)]

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D. Employment

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A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on November 5, 1956, to an unidentified male individual at Peoples Artists, Inc.* 124 West 21st Street, New York City, revealed that the subject is a self-employed singer. This call further revealed that the subject acts as his own agent in regard to entertainment engagements and may be contacted for such purposes at Beacon, New York. N.Y. U

It is noted that the "New York Post," November 18, 1956, issue, contained an advertisement stating that PETE SEEGER would appear in his "only New York Concert this year" on February 1, 1957, at the Pythian Auditorium, 135 West 70th Street, New York City.

E. Previous Employments

[On October 28, 1952, T-1^u who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Peoples Songs, Inc.* was organized about the early part of 1946 by PETER SEEGER and others. The informant advised that PETER SEEGER was editor from September, 1946, to October, 1947; Executive Director from February, 1946, to May, 1946; National Director from June to October, 1947, and Chairman from November, 1947, to an unknown date. (u)

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on October 6, 1954, to an individual who identified himself as the principal of the Downtown Community School, 285 East 11th Street, New York, New York, revealed that the subject was at that time a teacher at this institution and a member of "The Weavers," a professional singing quartet which periodically toured sections of the United States at that time.

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on October 6, 1954, to an unknown individual at the Registrar's Office, Columbia University, New York City, revealed that the subject at that time had a contract to teach a course in "American Folk Music and Its World Origins" for the Fall Semester at this institution.

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On October 14, 1954, T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PETER SEEGER was an instructor of music at the Metropolitan School of Music,* 18 West 74th Street, New York City, at that time (u)

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II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

On September 12, 1949, HERMAN THOMAS, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, informant for the FBI for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954, for the government in the case of the United States versus JOSEPH KUZMA, ET AL, tried in United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, advised that PETER SEEGER was a member of the CP. (u)

On April 30, 1953, T-4 identified PETE SEEGER as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. (u)

On December 13, 1954, JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, CP, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised that he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. N.Y.

B. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On June 9, 1947, T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a petition addressed to Senators ROBERT F. WAGNER and IRVING M. IVES, Washington, D.C., captioned "Defeat the Union-Busting Bills." Appearing on this petition was the name PETER SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York City 12, New York. The petition stated that it was issued by the CP, New York State, 35 East 12th Street, New York City. (u)

On September 23, 1955, T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past and

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43/18 [redacted] advised that in about 1948 the Weavers singing group entertained at Camp Lakeland on several occasions. According to T-7, the informant personally observed PETER SEEGER, after entertaining the staff, hand out cards to join the CP and give a speech urging the staff to join the Party. (u)

During April, 1951, JOHN LAUTNER, previously mentioned, advised that PETER SEEGER, a singer, was always available for CP affairs as an entertainer.

[On November 24, 1953, T-6] furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Peoples Artists, 799 Broadway, New York, New York, had obtained a one year subscription to the "Daily Worker"* which subscription expired on September 14, 1954. (u)

[On March 15, 1954, T-6] furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Peoples Artists, 799 Broadway, New York, New York, obtained three combination subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"* which subscriptions expired on March 22, 1954. (u)

On June 1, 1954, T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 26, 1954, the Marxist refresher study class met at Topanga, California. (u)

It is noted that T-8 advised that he had been advised by ROBERT AMES that these classes were a preparatory step to entering the CP. (u)

[According to T-9, who has] furnished reliable information in the past, ROBERT AMES was a CP member in May, 1947. (u)

T-8 advised that included on the agenda of the above class was PETE SEEGER, guitarist, and it was stated that SEEGER would like to sing to this group of people and educate them to the Marxist theory. According to the informant, it was further mentioned that SEEGER would like

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to have the Topanga group subsidize his playing and singing. According to the informant, it was decided to give a party sometime in June, 1954, to collect funds for SEEGER. (u)

[During May, 1956, T-10^u, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and family corresponded with ARNOLD S. JOHNSON* during September, 1955, at which time birthday greetings were extended to JOHNSON. (u) N.Y.

[On February 4, 1955, T-11^u, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the SEEGER family, Post Office Box 452, Beacon, New York, sent season greetings during December, 1954, to EUGENE DENNIS* and JOHN GATES* (u)

[On January 6, 1955, T-12^u, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the SEEGER family, Box 452, Beacon, New York, sent season greetings to CARL WINTER* and IRVING POTASH* during December, 1954. (u)

C. Evidence of Activity Before CP Front Groups as an Entertainer

The following is a list of events at which the subject appeared or was scheduled to appear as an entertainer or participant. All T symbol informants listed as sources in this section have furnished reliable information in the past. The date appearing in parenthesis beneath the T symbol is the date the information was furnished by the informant. All organizations listed as sponsors in this section are documented in the Appendix of this report.

The following characterizations are set forth concerning certain individuals set out as sources in this section:

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Worker" issue of June 25, 1953	Peace Festival and Rally, June 28, 1953, Triboro Stadium, Randalls Island, New York City	American Labor Party (ALP)
"Daily Worker" issue of March 3, 1954	"Lift Every Voice" to end discrimination in the Parkchester Housing Project, March 26, 1956, Manhattan Center, New York City	Bronx County ALP
[T-13] (May 18, 1954)	ALP rally, May 6, 1954, Manhattan Center, New York City	ALP
"Daily Worker" issue of June 17, 1954,	Kings County ALP rally, Aperiaon Manor, 813 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, June 15, 1954	Kings County ALP
"Daily Worker" issue of April 7, 1954	Rally for Trade and Peace with China, April 3, 1954, UE Hall, Chicago, Illinois	American Peace Crusade

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Worker" issue of March 18, 1948	American Youth for Democracy Square Dance, March 19, 1948, 163 Bleecker Street, New York City	American Youth for Democracy
[T-14 (April 13, 1954)] ^u	Book Fair, California Labor School, San Francisco, California, April 10, 1954	California Labor School (CLS)
[T-15 (September 24, 1954)] ^u	"Folk Music Forum" October 2, 3, 1954, CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
[T-16 (July 14, 1954)] ^u	1954 Spring Term of CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
[T-17 (September 1, 1954)] ^u	1954 Summer Term CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
[T-15 (September 13, 1954)] ^u	1954-1955 Fall Term, CLS San Francisco, California	CLS
[T-18 (November 2, 1955)] ^u	Folk Festival October 30, 1955, 37 Elgin Street, San Francisco, California	CLS

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T-19
(September 18
1956)

Event

Concert at Scottish
Rite Auditorium,
San Francisco,
California, October
6, 1956

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(August 20,
1955)

Informal
entertainment,
August 14, 1955,
Camp Woodland, Inc.
Phoenicia, New York

Camp Woodland,
Phoenicia, New York

N.Y.

T-19
(June 1, 1956)

PETE SEEGER Concert
May 25, 1956,
Orchestra Hall,
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago Council of
American-Soviet
Friendship

T-20
(October 19,
1956)

Recital on songs
of America and the
Soviet Union on
occasion of greet-
ing double
anniversary of
United States - USSR
diplomatic relations
and the emergence of
the Soviet Union on
the world scene,
November 10, 1956,
Milda Hall, 3142
South Halstead,
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago Council of
American-Soviet
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[T-21
(June, 1949)] ^u ~~(X)~~

"Daily Worker"
issue of
May 22, 1953

[T-22
(June 1, 1954)] ^u ~~(X)~~

"Daily Worker"
issue of
June 20, 1947

"Daily Worker"
issue of
April 13, 1948

"Daily Worker"
issue of
February 18, 1949

Event

Rally entitled
"Hail New China
Ally for Peace"
June 16, 1949,
City Center Casino,
New York City

STEVE NELSON
Dinner, May 22,
1953, Manhattan
Towers Hotel, New
York City

Rally in behalf of
PAUL ROBESON, May
26, 1954,
Renaissance Ball-
room, 137th Street
and Eighth Avenue,
New York City

Alberton Section
Housewarming,
June 20, 1947,
Bronx, New York

May Day Rally,
April 30, 1948,
Graham Auditorium,
Newark, New Jersey

"Pete Seeger at
Greatest Youth
Party of the Year--"
February 19, 1949,
77th Street and
Fifth Avenue, New
York City

Sponsor

Committee for a
Democratic Far Eastern
Policy

Committee to Defend
Steve Nelson

Committee to Restore
Paul Robeson's Passport

CP, Alberton Section

CP, Essex County, New
Jersey

CP, Lower East Side
Youth Section

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1953)

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(September 27,
1956)

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(January, 1950)

"Daily Worker"
issue of March
10, 1954

T-24
(January 9,
1956)

Event

Meeting, November
14, 1953, 19 High
Street, Boston,
Massachusetts

Dance and cocktail
party, 1949 or 1950,
Hotel located
between 70th and
80th Streets, New
York City

"Get Together for
Peace," January 14,
1950, Jewish
Community Center,
1475 Williams
Street, Denver,
Colorado

International
Women's Day, March
13, 1954,
Yugoslav-American
Cooperative Home,
Inc.*, New York City

Christmas-Chanukah
Children's Party,
December 18, 1955,
1400 Girard Avenue,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

Sponsor

Creative Arts Workshop

"Daily Worker" Fund
Raising Affair

"The Denver Friends
of Peoples Artists,
Inc. of New York"

Families of the Smith
Act Victims

Friends and Families
of Smith Act
Defendants

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Source

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(September 30,
1954)

Concert by PETER
SEEGER, September
24, 1954, Embassy
Auditorium, Los
Angeles, California

Hollywood Arts,
Sciences and Professions
Council

[REDACTED]
(March, 1949)

Annual dinner,
March 13, 1949,
Hotel Astor, New
York City

Joint Anti-Fascist
Refugee Committee

"Daily Worker"
issue of
February 16, 1954

Lecture on "Work
Songs and Ballads,"
February 16, 1954,
Jefferson School,
Sixth Avenue and
16th Street, New
York City

Jefferson School of
Social Science

T-25 [REDACTED]
(October 4, 1953)

"Evening of Folk
Songs," October 9,
1953, Yugoslav-
American Cooperative
Home, Inc., 405
West 41st Street,
New York City

Labor Youth League (LYL)

"Daily Worker"
issue of
February 3, 1954

Second National
Convention, Rally
and Jamboree,
February 19, 1954,
Hunts Point Palace,
Bronx, New York

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Event

Sponsor

T-26
(May 5, 1954)

"An Evening with
Pete Seeger,"
May 1, 1954,
Yugoslav American
Cooperative Home,
Inc., New York City

LYL

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"Daily Worker"
issue of May 7,
1954

PETE SEEGER concert, Manhattan LYL
May 7, 1954,
Yugoslav-American
Cooperative Home,
Inc., New York City

T-27
(May 4, 1955)

Party and dance,
April 30, 1955,
229 Seventh Avenue,
New York City

Student Division,
LYL

T-28
(November 16,
1955)

"Seventh Annual
Festival of
Nationalities,"
featuring PETE
SEEGER, November 12,
1955, Milda Hall,
3140 South Halstead,
Chicago, Illinois

Midwest Committee
for Protection of
Foreign Born

"Daily Worker"
issued of
February 4, 1954

"National Guardian"
Winter Ball,
February 11, 1954,
Manhattan Center,
New York City

"National Guardian"

"National
Guardian" issue
of October 3, 1955

PETE SEEGER folk
song concert,
November 1, 1955,
Washington School
Auditorium, Berkeley,
California

"National Guardian"

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Event

Sponsor

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T-29
(March 28, 1956) }^u
(X) Concert of Music
and Dance, April
17, 1956, Carnegie
Hall, New York City

"National Guardian"

"National
Guardian"-New
York Edition,
issue of April 13,
1953

"Folk - Concert
Ensemble" April 17,
1953, New York City

National Lawyers
Guild

T-30
(February 20,
1956) }^u
(X)

National Lawyers
Guild National
Convention,
February 10-13,
1956, Hotel Statler,
Detroit, Michigan

National Lawyers
Guild

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 27,
1953

Peace rally,
September 27, 1953,
Carnegie Hall, New
York City

National Council of
Arts, Sciences and
Professions, Inc.

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 15, 1953

ROSENBERG-SOBELL
dedication rally,
September 16, 1953,
Randalls Island
Stadium, Randalls
Island, New York
City

National Committee to
Secure Justice in the
Rosenberg Case

T-31
(April 13, 1954) }^u
(X)

Dance and social,
3514 Franklin
Avenue, St. Louis,
Missouri

National Negro Labor
Council, St. Louis
Chapter

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Event

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T-32

(November 15, 1955)

National Festival
November 13, 1955,
Lazak's Hall, Bates
Street, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania

National Committee
of Western Pennsylvania

T-33

(April 13, 1953)

PETE SEEGER concert,
April 10, 1953,
Peoples Art Center,
St. Louis, Missouri

Neighborhood Folk
Chorus

T-5

(May 24, 1956)

"An Afternoon of
Folk Songs with
Pete Seeger,"
May 13, 1956,
135 West 70th Street,
New York City

Metropolitan School
of Music, Inc., New
York City

"Daily Worker"
issue of
August 16, 1947

"New Masses" Labor
Day Weekend,
September, 1947,
The Allaben,
Mapanock, New York

"New Masses"

T-4

(April 15, 1953)

"All Fools
Hootenanny," April
4, 1953, Webster
Hall, 119 East 11th
Street, New York
City

Peoples Artists,
Inc., New York City

T-4

(October 22, 1953)

Hootenanny,
September 26, 1953,
Pythian Hall, New
York City

Peoples Artists,
Inc.

T-34

(January 6, 1954)

Hootenanny,
December 24, 1953,
Manhattan Center,
New York City

Peoples Artists,
Inc.

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Event

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June 24, 1954

Hootenanny,
June 19, 1954,
Manhattan Center,
New York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

"Daily Worker"
issue of March
28, 1955

"All Fools
Hootenanny,"
April 2, 1955,
Pythian Hall, 135
West 70th Street,
New York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

"National
Guardian" issue
of May 9, 1955

"Children's
Hootenanny with
Pete Seeger, Gil
Green---May 7---
Peoples Artists
Studio---" New
York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

"Daily Worker"
issue of May 10,
1955

Spring Fever
Hootenanny,
May 14, 1955, the
Pythian, 135 West
70th Street, New
York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 21, 1955

Hootenanny,
September 24, 1955,
The Pythian, 135
West 70th Street,
New York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

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Event

Sponsor

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T-36

(October 3, 1955)

Progressive Party
Testimonial Dinner
in honor of HENRY
EBETSCHER*,
October 1, 1955,
Bellevue Stratford
Hotel, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

Progressive Party

"Daily Worker"
March 19, 1950

Bazaar, March 17,
18, 19, 1950,
77 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

School of Jewish Studies,
New York City

T-37

(December 21,
1953)

"Songs with Pete
Seeger," December
18, 1953, Essex
Hotel, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

South Philadelphia
Committee to Aid the
Smith Act Victims

T-38

(November 15,
1955)

Folk Song function
featuring PETE
SEEGER, November
2, 1955, Cosmopolitan
Hotel, 360 South
Westlake, Los Angeles,
California

Southern California
Arts, Sciences and
Professions Council

"Daily Worker"
issue of May 17,
1953

Rally, "Culture
Fights Back, 1953"
May 20, 1953; Hotel
Capitol, New York
City

Committee to Defend
J.V. Jerome

"Daily Worker"
issue of April
27, 1955

Union Square May
Day Rally, April
29, 1955, Union
Square, New York
City

~~PROVISIONAL~~
Professional Workers
and Peoples Committee
for May Day, 1955

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Source

"Daily Worker"
issue of July 29,
1953

Event

Music Festival,
July 31 - August 9,
1953, White Lake
Lodge, White Lake,
New York

Sponsor

White Lake Lodge

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[T-39
(July 18, 1955)] ⁴ (u)

Holiday entertain-
ment, April 3, 1955,
Wingdale Lodge,
Wingdale, New York

Wingdale Lodge, Inc.

"National
Guardian," issue
of September 5,
1955

"Labor Day Weekend
---at Wingdale
Lodge---Featuring
Pete Seeger,"
September, 1955

Wingdale Lodge, Inc.

[T-40
(November 26
1949)] ⁴ (u)

Second National
Convention, Young
Progressives of
America, Towne
Club, Cleveland,
Ohio, November 24-
27, 1949

Young Progressives of
America

D. Evidence of CP Front Group Affiliations
Other Than as an Entertainer

[On June 19, 1953, ⁴ T-41, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 13, 1953, a musical review entitled "Courage is Contagious," a National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions Field Theater Production, was presented for the "National Guardian" at the Danish Auditorium, 1359 West 24th Street, Los Angeles, California. According to information furnished by the informant, PETE SEEGER was among the individuals who wrote the various songs used in this production. (u)]

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During August, 1953, T-42, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that PETER SEEGER, care of Peoples Artists, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City, was a subscriber to the "National Guardian." According to the information furnished by the informant, SEEGER's subscription would expire during March, 1954. (S) u

On February 7, 1955, T-43, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the Winter 1955 issue of "Sing Out," the official quarterly publication of Peoples Artists, 124 West 21st Street, New York City, listed PETE SEEGER as a staff member. (S) u

On October 19, 1955, T-44, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that Peoples Artists, Inc., 124 West 21st Street, New York 11, New York, forwarded a check for twenty dollars to the Student Division, LYL, 229 Seventh Avenue, New York City, at which time the LYL was informed by Peoples Artists that PETE SEEGER had asked that this contribution be made. (S) X (C)

On May 7, 1956, T-45, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that PETER SEEGER, Box 328, Beacon, New York, contributed three dollars as a continued pledge for a three month period to the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York, for the defense of the American Committee. (S) X (C)

E. Miscellaneous

CP Affiliation

During August, 1951, T-46, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 19, 1951, ESTHER JACKSON* stated that PETE SEEGER had fallen out of favor with the CP recently for playing before a segregated (S) u

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audience in Washington, D.C., knowing at the time he accepted the engagement that it was this type of audience. According to the informant, ESTHER JACKSON stated that SEEGER seemed to "like money more than Party principles." U

X During June and July, 1954, SYLVESTER GREGORY PASCHAL, Chicago, Illinois, a self-admitted member of the CP since 1944, advised that while in New York City in 1948 and 1949 he became a member of "Peoples Songs" which promoted folk songs and had a CP cell within its membership. According to PASCHAL, PETE SEEGER, Beacon, New York, was a member of "Peoples Songs." U

House Committee on Un-American Activities
(HCUA) Testimony and Citation

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 19, 1955, contained an article which revealed that PETER SEEGER had appeared before the HCUA on August 18, 1955, which committee held hearings at the Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York City, on Communist activities in the theater, radio, television and in unions of entertainers. According to the article, SEEGER refused to discuss the groups he had played before. V

The article further stated that SEEGER refused to answer questions about his alleged associations with the Civil Rights Congress*, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief*, American Peace Mobilization*, American Peace Crusade*, CLS*, Jefferson School of Social Science*, LYL*, Peoples Songs*, Peoples Artists* and the Cultural Division of the CP. U

The article stated that SEEGER did not invoke the protection of the Fifth Amendment even after he was warned he faced contempt proceedings and insisted that the committee had no right to ask about his associations. V

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The July 26, 1956, issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker," a daily newspaper published in Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Spring Road, Beacon, New York, singer of American ballads and banjoist, was among eight persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for contempt. The article stated that SEEGER, during August 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by a HCUA in New York City as it investigated possible Communist infiltration of the entertainment field. U

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Peekskill Riots*

On December 19, 1949, T-47, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PETE SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York, New York, was among the individuals who filed notice of intention to file a claim against New York State as a result of the riots on August 27, 1949, and September 4, 1949, at Peekskill, New York, at the so-called PAUL ROBESON concerts. According to the informant, SEEGER filed claim for property damage. U

Interview

On May 8, 1953, the subject was interviewed by SA HEINZ H. EISELE and TRENWITH S. BASFORD at Dutchess Junction, New York. The subject upon being advised of the identity of the agents and that the purpose of the interview was to discuss his previous affiliations, stated: "I think I had just better not say anything." U

American Labor Party

The records of the Dutchess County Board of Elections, reviewed by SA HEINZ H. EISELE, revealed that PETER SEEGER listed a voting preference for the ALP for the years 1952, 1953 and 1954. U

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APPENDIX

DOCUMENTATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS
INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Those organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are designated by a double asterisk (**).

Those organizations, institutions and publications cited by the HCUA "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," (and appendix), revised, dated May 14, 1951, are designated by a triple asterisk (***).

✓ AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF, INC.**

✓ ALP

NEW YORK, N.Y.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the ALP a struggle for power among three groups. These were the CP, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the CP emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, and the Hudson River Valley; Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties; and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the CP was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. The informant knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

Another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1956, that the CP then, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the ALP, constituted the force that controlled it.

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On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State chairman, ALP, announced the ALP state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

✓ AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE**

✓ AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION**

✓ AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY**

✓ HENRY BEITSCHER

On March 28, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that HENRY BEITSCHER was Political Action Director in charge of CP political activities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as of March 12, 1956.

✓ CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL
321 Divisadero Street
San Francisco, California**

✓ CAMP KINDERLAND
CAMP LAKELAND

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Camp Kinderland and Camp Lakeland are adjacent to one another and are located at Hopewell Junction, New York, having been founded about 1924. Camp Lakeland is a summer camp for adults, while Camp Kinderland is a summer camp for children.

✓ "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist newspaper, of April 29, 1956, described Camp Kinderland as "a children's camp combining progressive Jewish culture with interracial living."

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Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Camp Lakeland was known by him to have been controlled by the CP and to have contributed money to the CP in the past. The informant advised on June 22, 1956, that due to the camps' present financial difficulties, the camps have not been in a position to make contributions to the CP as they had in the past.

Page five of the "Daily News," a New York City daily newspaper, for April 16, 1956, contains information to the effect that Camps Lakeland and Kinderland are managed by DAVID GREENE, a "notorious Communist Party member."

~~CAMP WOODLAND, INC.,~~
Also known as:
Camp Woodland

MEM

NEW YORK, N.Y.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 20, 1954, that Camp Woodland was founded in the late 1930's or early 1940's by NORMAN STUDER. He stated that NORMAN STUDER was a CP member, and that the camp was frequented by many CP members during the 1930's and early 1940's, but that during this period, there was no other indication that the camp was controlled by the CP.

An advertisement appeared in the "New York Times Magazine," April 29, 1956, page 72, which included the following:

"WOODLAND, Phoenicia, NY, an Interracial
Camp Where Children Live and Grow
Happily Together"---"NORMAN STUDER,
Director, 853 Broadway, NYC."

N.Y.

Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 8, 1954, that DOROTHY WILSON, whom informant knew to have been a CP member for many years, had recently referred to Camp Woodland as a "progressive camp." (X)

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✓ CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

CHICAGO, ILL.

On May 1, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship is an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship**.

✓ CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS**

✓ COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY**

✓ COMMITTEE TO DEFEND STEVE NELSON

On November 18, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Committee to Defend Steve Nelson is an outgrowth of the Civil Rights Congress activities in behalf of STEVE NELSON.

✓ COMMITTEE TO RESTORE PAUL ROBESON'S PASSPORT

The Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport was originally formed as the Provisional Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport, with an address of Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, New York 27, New York, according to a mimeographed letter dated in May, 1954, issued by the Provisional Committee.

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According to a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, this committee was formed for the purpose of launching a campaign for the restoration of PAUL ROBESON's passport, which had been denied him for the past four years, by the State Department, and its activities were launched at a rally on May 26, 1954, at the Renaissance Casino in New York City.

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Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 10, 1954, that many Communists were in attendance at the aforementioned rally.

Another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 3, 1954, that this committee was then located at the office of the Council on African Affairs, Incorporated**, Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, and was then dominated and controlled by the Council on African Affairs, Inc.

It is to be noted that the Council on African Affairs, Inc. has dissolved and is no longer in existence.

The latter informant advised on December 9, 1955, and on April 26, 1955, that the Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport, although it continued to maintain desk space at Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street and was listed as a tenant at Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, had not been active for the past year and at present it was in a dormant status.

✓ CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

On February 26, 1953, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Creative Arts Workshop, 19 High Street, Boston, Massachusetts, was directed by LEO RAVINOVITZ, known to the informant to be a member of the CP District Number One, Boston, Massachusetts. The informant advised that the Creative Arts Workshop was infiltrated by CP District Number One, Boston, Massachusetts.

✓ "DAILY WORKER"

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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✓ EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS, former National Secretary of the CP, was convicted on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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DENNIS was released from the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on March 1, 1955, and is presently out on bond awaiting trial under the membership provisions of the Smith Act of 1940.

✓ FAMILIES OF THE SMITH ACT VICTIMS**

✓ FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF THE SMITH ACT DEFENDANTS

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On October 14, 1954, [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who at that time was closely associated with several of the wives of the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants, advised that the Families and Friends of the Smith Act Defendants was organized in 1953, for the purpose of raising funds for the defendants and publicizing the Philadelphia Smith Act trial. PA.

On February 14, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Friends and Families of the Smith Act Defendants held Christmas-Chanukah parties in 1953, 1954 and 1955, and does not function except during the Christmas season.

On January 9, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at the 1955 Christmas-Chanukah party held December 18, 1955, BARBARA ROBERTS and PAULINE MOSS collected funds to pay the expenses of the party. N.Y.

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On July 18, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BARBARA ROBERTS was at that time Club Organizer of a CP club in the 4th Congressional District Region, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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On July 19, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAULINE MOSS had recently been made organizer of a club in the 47th-29th Ward Section, 4th Congressional District Region, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

✓ JOHN GATES

On October 14, 1949, JOHN GATES was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

On July 2, 1951, GATES was incarcerated to begin serving a five year sentence for the above conviction. At the time of his incarceration, GATES was a member of the National Commission, CP, USA, and editor of the "Daily Worker."

On March 1, 1955, GATES was released from the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, upon completion of sentence for the above conviction.

✓ HOLLYWOOD ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

On January 4, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that until January 3, 1956, the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council was the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions*** in New York City and consistently followed the program and policies of the parent organization.

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On January 3, 1956, the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council office dissolved by action of its executive committee and vote of its membership.

✓ ESTHER JACKSON

On May 27, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that although it was not a secret that ESTHER JACKSON was a CP member, the CP did not want to publicize it.

✓ JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

✓ ARNOLD S. JOHNSON

On January 24, 1953, ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. He was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal and incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Petersburg, Virginia, on January 31, 1955.

✓ JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

✓ V.J. JEROME

V.J. JEROME was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and was incarcerated in the United States Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

✓ LYL**

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METROPOLITAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC, INC.

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NEW YORK, N.Y.

The Metropolitan School of Music catalog for 1953-1954 states the school was founded in 1935 and is a non-profit cooperative school, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

Corporation records, County Clerk's Office, New York City, reflect that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc. filed for incorporation on August 31, 1944.

On November 16, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that she believes the school was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. The moving spirit of this school seemed to be the CP. The school was principally engaged in teaching music, but provided jobs for CP musicians and hired CP musicians as instructors. Building funds were raised from CP people. Practically all the instructors were either CP members or closely associated with the Party. The school received favorable reviews in the "Daily Worker." This source advised that she has no information concerning the school's activities or personnel since 1948.

On November 2, 1954, the above source advised that she had the impression that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc. was always in the hands of the CP. The school's director, LILLIE POPPER, was known to this source as a CP member.

On November 12, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that approximately seven or eight years ago, at a Queens County CP meeting, an announcement was made suggesting to comrades that if anyone was interested in taking up music or singing he should patronize this school. (A)

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The "Daily Worker" issues of February 9, 1956, page 7, column 1, and February 16, 1956, page 16, reflect that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc., 18 West 74th Street, New York City, continues to operate and hold concerts.

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✓ MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF
FOREIGN BORN

On May 8, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that since May 1, 1955, the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been, and still is, the midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born**.

✓ NATIONALITY COMMITTEE OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 12, 1955, that the Nationality Committee of Western Pennsylvania is not an organization as such. It is merely an administrative committee composed of JOSEPH RUDIAK and JOSEPH MANKIN, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, and both District Number 5 CP members. The source advised that in his opinion RUDIAK and MANKIN have been assigned by the CP to work in the nationality groups and that they are responsible for the functions of the so-called committee. The source stated that this committee has no membership and its purpose is to work among the various nationality groups in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area in an effort to place in effect the policies of District Number 5, CP.

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✓ NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American," advised in January, 1952, that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

✓ NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS, INC.***

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

"(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p.2.)"

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✓ "NATIONAL GUARDIAN";
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

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The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication, launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394)

The masthead of the "National Guardian," issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 197 East Fourth Street, New York City.

✓ NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD***

"Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

"(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the National Lawyers Guild, House Report No. 3123, September 21, 1950 (originally released September 17, 1950).)"

✓ NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL**

✓ NEIGHBORHOOD FOLK CHORUS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has described the Neighborhood Folk Chorus as a CP front group in St. Louis, Missouri.

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✓ "NEW MASSES"***

"Until its recent merger with Mainstream, the New Masses has been the weekly journalistic voice of the Communist Party. Its first appearance was as a monthly. As the Masses, it was suppressed by the United States Government for its subversive policies. Mainstream was launched by the Communist Party in January 1947, dealing with the field of literature and creative arts. U

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"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 160, and 1948, p. 340.)"

✓ PEEKSKILL RIOTS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in the fall of 1949 that the Peekskill disorders (Peekskill riots) of August 27, 1949, and September 4, 1949, in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by PAUL ROBESON. The source stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress. U

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1950, that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist. X

✓ PEOPLE'S ARTISTS, INC. ***

"1. Cited as a Communist front. U

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p.392.)" U

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PEOPLE'S SONGS ***

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"1. Cited as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City. 'All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization.' U

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392.)" U

IRVING POTASH

IRVING POTASH was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, October 14, 1949, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. He was released from federal penitentiary on December 9, 1954, upon completion of his five year term. U

POTASH was arraigned in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on December 10, 1954, on charges of violation of the membership section of the Smith Act of 1940. U

On March 4, 1955, POTASH was (voluntarily) deported to Poland and on June 21, 1955, the outstanding indictment against him was nolle prossed. U

PROVISIONAL WORKERS AND PEOPLES COMMITTEE FOR MAY DAY 1955

NEW YORK, NY

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 17, 1955, that the Provisional Workers and Peoples Committee for May Day 1955 was a continuation of the United May Day Committee and United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day as it was called in other years and had for its purpose the CP function of organizing the May Day rally held at Union Square, New York City, on April 29, 1955. U

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The source continued that the May Day Committee in the past few years, under various names, has made the "technical" move of dissolving itself after each May Day and forming a new committee with a new name and new officers for each succeeding May Day. The purpose of this maneuver, according to the source, is to establish the various May Day committees as ad hoc committees, each of which is separate and distinct from the other and thereby attempt to avoid hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

✓ PROGRESSIVE PARTY

The National Committee, CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great people's Party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs," mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted CP functionary, testifying in the case "UNITED STATES VS. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

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✓ SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES,
NEW YORK CITY **

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✓ SOUTH PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO AID
SMITH ACT VICTIMS

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

On December 21, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the South Philadelphia Committee to Aid Smith Act Victims held a meeting on December 18, 1953, at the Essex Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. According to this source, the main speakers were STEVE NELSON and DAVID DAVIS. The purpose of this meeting was to combat Smith Act trials in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

STEVE NELSON and DAVID DAVIS have both been convicted for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

On May 17, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that this organization has not been active since the December 18, 1953, affair.

✓ SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARTS, SCIENCES AND
PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

See documentation on Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.

✓ WHITE LAKE LODGE, INC.

In the April 12, 1948, edition of the "Times Herald," a Middletown, New York, newspaper, appeared an article which read in part:

"...the Ben Gold Fur Workers Health and Welfare Fund will operate a huge furrier summer camp... known as the Ben Gold Health Resort... on a 250 acre tract of land covering all of Amber Lake and most of White Lake..."

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According to the records of ARTHUR N. MEYERS, County Clerk, Sullivan County, New York, the Fur Workers Resort, White Lake, New York, was recorded as doing business on May 21, 1949. Mr. MEYERS' records reflect that on June 4, 1953, a deed between the Ben Gold Fur Workers Health and Welfare Fund and the White Lake Lodge, Inc., was filed. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NEW YORK

On March 27, 1955, an article appeared in the "New York Times" entitled "Leftist Fur Union Undergoes Purge." In part, this article read:

"The Left-Wing International Fur and Leather Workers Union began going through an anti-Communist meat grinder last week.

"The fur union, expelled from the Congress of Industrial Organizations five years ago on charges of Communist domination, became part of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, AFL, a month ago.

"MAX BLOCK, International Vice-President of the meat union, disclosed that his union already had started a quiet program to 'de-communize' the furriers. The first casualty was the fur group's huge summer camp at White Lake, New York.

"Mr. BLOCK said he was convinced that the camp served as a Communist indoctrination center, in which swimming and tennis were incidental to Marxist 'education' courses. With the approval of PATRICK E. GORMAN, Secretary Treasurer of the meat cutters, Mr. BLOCK ordered the camp closed for this year. N.Y.

"He said it had become part of the property of the Amalgamated under the merger agreement. He added that it would be put up for sale. If no adequate offer is received, the camp will be re-opened in 1956 or 1957 without any 'educational' trimmings, Mr. BLOCK declared..."

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✓ WINGDALE LODGE, INC.
Formerly known as Camp Unity

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On May 27, 1953, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the CP since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

The "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of August 6, 1953, page 8, column 1, described Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, as an "adult interracial resort."

On March 17, 1955, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had learned that the name of Camp Unity was being changed to Wingdale Lodge with offices at 202 West 40th Street, Room 605, New York City.

On April 27, 1956, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that regardless of the name it uses, the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was, and still is, a joint operation of the national office of the CP and the New York State CP.

✓ CARL WINTER

CARL WINTER was one of the eleven CP leaders convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

✓ YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA

HERBERT ROMERSTEIN, a self-admitted former Communist and Young Progressives of America (YPA) member, in testimony before a sub-committee of the Committee of the Judiciary, United States Senate, on April 12, 1951, and June 12, 1951, stated that YPA was set up on the basis of

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the needs of the CP. YPA members were active within the organization as Communists and the organization was developed along CP lines. ROMERSTEIN also related that YPA leadership was composed of CP members. He further testified that the founding convention of the YPA was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1948.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 24, 1955, that the YPA sponsored a concert by PAUL ROBESON on January 6, 1955, held in Townsend Harris Auditorium, City College of New York.

Concerning PAUL ROBESON, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1950, that ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

The first above-mentioned informant advised on January 31, 1956, that the YPA applied for a charter at City College of New York, but that same was declined and that the YPA could not function on the campus of the City College of New York.

A confidential informant, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on March 14, 1956, advised that the YPA, as of this date, maintained a group at the City College of New York.

✓ YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN COOPERATIVE HOME, INC.**

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T-3 [redacted]		100-83801-297 p.160
T-4 [redacted]	Previous employment	100-83801-61
	CP membership	100-83801-93
	"All Fools Hootenanny" 4/4/53, NYC	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Hootenanny, NYC 9/26/53	100-83801-112
T-5 [redacted]	Previous employment	100-83801-183
	Metropolitan School of Music affair, 5/13/56	100-83801-1A12

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	Information re subscription to "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"	100-83801-261,265
T-7 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		100-83801-279
T-8 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		100-83801-195
T-9 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Used to document ROBERT AMES	
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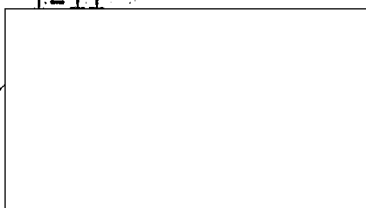
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Forum, October 1954

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T-44 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		100-83801-369
T-45 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		100-83801-418
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The following informants were utilized as sources in the documentations appearing in the Appendix of this report. These sources are set forth in the order of their utilization in connection with the various documentations.

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HENRY BEITSCHER

Camp Lakeland

Camp Woodland

Chicago Council of
American-Soviet
Friendship

Committee to Defend
Steve Nelson

Committee to
Restore Paul Robeson's
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Creative Arts
Workshop

Friends and Families
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Defendants

Hollywood Arts,
Sciences and
Professions
Council

ESTHER JACKSON

Metropolitan
School of Music

Midwest Committee
for Protection of
Foreign Born

Nationality
Committee of
Western Pennsylvania

National Committee
to Secure Justice
in the Rosenberg
Case

Neighborhood Folk
Chorus

Peekskill Riots

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LOUIS F. BUDENZ

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Provisional Workers
and Peoples Committee
for May Day 1955

South Philadelphia
Committee to Aid
Smith Act Victims

Wingdale Lodge, Inc.

Young Progressives
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LOUIS F. BUDENZ

ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext telephone call on November 5, 1956, referred to in this report, was a telephone call made by SA BEN CUNNINGHAM under the pretext of sales.

The pretext telephone calls referred to in this report on October 6, 1954, were made by SA WILLIAM J. ROEMER under an unknown pretext.

[redacted] a source referred to on page 12 in this report, resides at [redacted]

[redacted] It is noted that this source has advised that she has no objections to the revelation of her name, however, desires that her address be kept confidential.

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This case has been re-evaluated in light of the Security Index criteria.

There is no information available revealing CP membership on the part of the subject since early 1950. Although the subject continues to appear as an entertainer before CP front groups, there is no evidence revealing that the subject has held any office or acted in a leadership capacity in these groups within the past three years. Therefore, no recommendation is being made for the subject's inclusion on the Security Index at this time.

REFERENCE Report of SA JOHN J. CONNOLLY, 2/28/51, New York.
Bureau letter, 8/28/56.

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Mr. Bagley

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

January 7, 1957

Director, FBI

ELLIOTT SULLIVAN
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MARTIN YARUS, with alias
George Tyne
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PETER SEEGER
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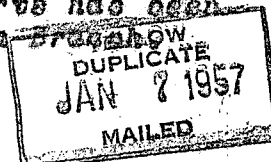
Our New York Division has advised that a request was made by Assistant United States Attorney Clement J. Hallanan, Southern District of New York, for background information concerning the above subjects. Mr. Hallanan is to present cases on these subjects to the grand jury charging them with contempt of Congress in connection with their failure to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Our New York Division has been instructed to furnish Mr. Hallanan with a copy of the report of Special Agent Henry C. Ruda dated April 30, 1956, at New York in the case of Elliott Sullivan, a copy of the report of Special Agent Francis J. Hanrahan dated April 23, 1956, at Los Angeles in the case of Martin Yarus, with alias George Tyne, and a copy of the report of Special Agent Arthur J. Greene, Jr., dated December 21, 1956, at New York in the case of Peter Seeger.

Mr. Hallanan is being advised that the reports are for his information, that they contain admissible and inadmissible evidence, and that facts contained therein should not be introduced before the grand jury.

A copy of each of these reports has been furnished to the Records Administration.

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(Peter Seeger)



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Reference is made to the information concerning PETER SEEGER, was, contained in the report of SA WALTER P. GAVIN, dated and captioned as above, five copies of which are enclosed.

SEEGER is the subject of closed NY file 100-83801, Bufile 100-200845. He was deleted from the SI on 10/19/55.

PETER SEEGER was contacted on 5/8/53, by SAS HEINZ H. EISELE and TRENTWITH S. BASFORD at Dutchess Junction, NY, in connection with the Security Informant Program of the NYO. On this occasion, SEEGER stated, "I think I had just better not say anything," and the attempt to interview him was terminated.

On 8/18/55, PETER SEEGER testified before the HCUA at a public hearing concerning the penetration of radio, television, and the legitimate theater by the CP. Although SEEGER did not invoke the Fifth Amendment, he refused to answer any questions regarding his activities.

In view of the above, UACB or the office of origin, the NYO will not interview SEEGER concerning the SARANTS.

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August 28, 1956

PETER SEEGER
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PETE SEEGER

For the information of the New York Office on July 25, 1956, the House of Representatives cited the captioned individual for contempt for his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In this connection, House Resolution 636 cited the subject for his failure to answer questions before a duly constituted subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities and referred all the facts therewith to the United States Attorney for the appropriate district, in this case the District of Columbia, to the end the above-captioned individual may be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law.

It is noted that the subject's refusal to answer questions was not based on his privilege under the Fifth Amendment. In view of his current activity in behalf of cited organizations, you are instructed to immediately reopen this case and submit a report incorporating the subject's activities to date along with your recommendation for his inclusion in the Security Index.

YELLOW:

Subject not in SI. For years has been active in cited communist front groups and has appeared before communist sponsored meetings as an entertainer.

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PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PETER SEEGER

JULY 25, 1956.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. WALTER, from the Committee on Un-American Activities,
submitted the following

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CITING PETER SEEGER

The Committee on Un-American Activities, as created and authorized by the House of Representatives through the enactment of Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the 79th Congress, and under House Resolution 5 of the 84th Congress, caused to be issued a subpoena to Peter Seeger. The said subpoena directed Peter Seeger to be and appear before said Committee on Un-American Activities, or a duly authorized subcommittee thereof, of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which the Honorable Francis E. Walter is Chairman, in their chamber, room 1703, United States courthouse, Foley Square, New York City, N. Y., on August 18, 1955, at the hour of 10 a. m., then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee; and not to depart without leave of said committee. The subpoena served upon Peter Seeger is set forth in words and figures as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

To PETE SEEGER, Route 9-D, Beacon, New York, *Greeting:*
Pursuant to lawful authority, you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of the United States, or a duly appointed subcommittee thereof, on 18 August, 1955, at 10 o'clock a. m., at their Committee Room, 1703 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City, N. Y., then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee, and not to depart without leave of said committee.

Hereof fail not, as you will answer your default under the pains and penalties in such cases made and provided.

To United States Marshal, NYC, N. Y., to serve and return.

Given under my hand this 1st day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1955.

FRANCIS E. WALTER, *Chairman.*

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The said subpoena was duly served as appears by the return made thereon by John F. Pickett, Deputy United States Marshal, southern district of New York, who was duly authorized to serve the said subpoena. The return of the service by the said John F. Pickett, being endorsed thereon, is set forth in words and figures, as follows:

Received this writ at New York, N. Y., on July 12, 1955, and on July 14, 1955, at Route 9-D, Beacon, New York, I served it on the within-named Pete Seeger by leaving the original thereof with him.

THOMAS J. LUNNEY,
U. S. Marshal, SDNY.

By: JOHN F. PICKETT,
Deputy U. S. Marshal, SDNY.

The said Peter Seeger, pursuant to said subpoena, and in compliance therewith, appeared before a duly constituted subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities on August 18, 1955, to give such testimony as required under and by virtue of Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the 79th Congress, and under House Resolution 5 of the 84th Congress. The said Peter Seeger having appeared as a witness and having been asked the questions; namely:

May I ask you whether or not the Allerton Section was a section of the Communist Party?

Did you take part in this May Day program under the auspices of the music section of the cultural division of the Communist Party?

Did you sing this particular song on the Fourth of July at Wingdale Lodge in New York?

Were you chosen by Mr. Elliott Sullivan to take part in the program on the weekend of July Fourth at Wingdale Lodge?

Did you take part in that performance?

Have you been a member of the Communist Party since 1947?

Will you examine it please and state whether or not that is a photograph of you?

It is noted that the individual mentioned is wearing a military uniform. That was in May of 1952, and the statute of limitations would have run by now as to any offense for the improper wearing of the uniform, and will you tell the committee whether or not you took part in that May Day program wearing a uniform of an American soldier?

Did you also teach at the Jefferson School of Social Science here in the city of New York?

Are you a member of the Communist Party now?

which questions were pertinent to the subject under inquiry, refused to answer said questions, and as a result of said Peter Seeger's refusal to answer the aforesaid questions, your committee was prevented from receiving testimony and information concerning a matter committed to said committee in accordance with the terms of the subpoena served upon said Peter Seeger.

The record of the proceedings before the subcommittee on August 18, 1955, during which the said Peter Seeger refused to answer the aforesaid questions pertaining to the subject under inquiry, is set forth in fact as follows:

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
New York, N. Y., Thursday, August 18, 1955.

PUBLIC HEARING

A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met at 10 a. m., pursuant to recess, in room 1703 of the Federal Building, Foley Square, New York, N. Y., the Honorable Francis E. Walter (chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Walter, Willis, and Scherer.

Staff members present: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel; Donald T. Appel and Frank Bonora, investigators; and Thomas W. Beale, Sr., chief clerk.

Chairman WALTER. The committee will be in order.

(After the completion of the testimony of several other witnesses, Mr. Peter Seeger was called as a witness.)

Chairman WALTER. Will you call your next witness, Mr. Tavenner?

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Peter Seeger, will you come forward, please sir?

Chairman WALTER. Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. SEEGER. I do, sir.

TESTIMONY OF PETER SEEGER, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COUNSEL,
PAUL L. ROSS

Mr. TAVENNER. You are Mr. Peter Seeger?

Mr. SEEGER. That is my name.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you spell your last name, please?

Mr. SEEGER. S-e-e-g-e-r.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will counsel accompanying the witness please identify himself for the record?

Mr. ROSS. Paul L. Ross, New York City.

Mr. TAVENNER. When and where were you born, Mr. Seeger?

Mr. SEEGER. I was born in New York in 1919.

Mr. TAVENNER. What is your profession or occupation?

Mr. SEEGER. Well, I have worked at many things, and my main profession is a student of American folklore, and I make my living as a banjo picker, sort of damming in some people's opinion.

Mr. TAVENNER. Has New York been your headquarters for a considerable period of time?

Mr. SEEGER. No, I lived here only rarely until I left school and after a year or two or a few years living here after World War II, I got back to the country where I always felt more at home.

Mr. TAVENNER. You say that you were in the Armed Forces of the United States?

Mr. SEEGER. About three and a half years.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell us please the period of your service?

Mr. SEEGER. I went in in July 1942, and I was mustered out in December of 1945.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attain the rank of an officer?

Mr. SEEGER. No. After about a year I made Pfc, and just before I got out I got to be T-5, which is the equivalent of a corporal's rating, a long hard pull.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you become a member of the Reserves?

Mr. SEEGER. No, I did not.

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Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Seeger, prior to your entry into the service in 1942, were you engaged in the practice of your profession in the area of New York?

Mr. SEEGER. It is hard to call it a profession. I kind of drifted into it and I never intended to be a musician, and I am glad I am one now, and it is a very honorable profession, but when I started out actually I wanted to be a newspaperman, and when I left school—

Chairman WALTER. Will you answer the question, please?

Mr. SEEGER. I have to explain that it really wasn't my profession. I picked up a little change in it.

Chairman WALTER. Is it your profession?

Mr. SEEGER. It is my profession.

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Mr. TAVENNER. The committee has information obtained in part from the Daily Worker, indicating that over a period of time, especially since December of 1945, you took part in numerous entertainment features.

I have before me a photostatic copy of the June 20, 1947, issue of the Daily Worker. In a column entitled "What's On," appears this advertisement:

Tonight—Bronx, hear Peter Seeger and his guitar, at Allerton Section housewarming.

May I ask you whether or not the Allerton Section was a section of the Communist Party?

Mr. SEEGER. Sir, I refuse to answer that question whether it was a quote from the New York Times or the Vegetarian Journal.

Mr. TAVENNER. I don't believe there is any more authoritative document in regard to the Communist Party than its official organ, the Daily Worker.

Mr. SCHERER. He hasn't answered the question, and he merely said he wouldn't answer whether the article appeared in the New York Times or some other magazine.

I ask you to direct the witness to answer the question.

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer.

Mr. SEEGER. Sir, the whole line of questioning—

Chairman WALTER. You have only been asked one question, so far.

Mr. SEEGER. I am not going to answer any questions as to my associations, my philosophical or religious beliefs or my political beliefs, or how I voted in any election or any of these private affairs. I think these are very improper questions for any American to be asked, especially under such compulsion as this.

I would be very glad to tell you my life if you want to hear of it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Has the witness declined to answer this specific question?

Chairman WALTER. He said that he is not going to answer any questions, not names or things.

Mr. SCHERER. He was directed to answer the question.

Chairman WALTER. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 1," for identification only.

Chairman WALTER. Mark it and let it be received.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have before me a photostatic copy of the April 30, 1948, issue of the Daily Worker which carries under the same title of "What's On," an advertisement of a "May Day Rally: For Peace, Security and Democracy." The advertisement states:

Are you in a fighting mood? Then attend the May Day rally.

Expert speakers are stated to be slated for the program, and then follows a statement, "Entertainment by Pete Seeger." At the bottom appears this: "Auspices Essex County Communist Party," and at the top, "Tonight, Newark, N. J."

Did you lend your talent to the Essex County Communist Party on the occasion indicated by this article from the Daily Worker?

Mr. SEEGER. Mr. Walter, I believe I have already answered this question, and the same answer.

Chairman WALTER. The same answer. In other words, you mean that you decline to answer because of the reasons stated before?

Mr. SEEGER. I gave my answer, sir.

Chairman WALTER. What is your answer?

Mr. SEEGER. You see, sir, I feel——

Chairman WALTER. What is your answer?

Mr. SEEGER. I will tell you what my answer is.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. I feel that in my whole life I have never done anything of any conspiratorial nature and I resent very much and very deeply the implication of being called before this committee that in some way because my opinions may be different from yours, or yours, Mr. Willis; or yours, Mr. Scherer; that I am any less of an American than anybody else. I love my country very deeply, sir.

Chairman WALTER. Why don't you make a little contribution toward preserving its institutions?

Mr. SEEGER. I feel that my whole life is a contribution, that is why I would like to tell you about it.

Chairman WALTER. I don't want to hear about it.

Mr. SCHERER. I think that there must be a direction to answer.

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer that question.

Mr. SEEGER. I have already given you my answer, sir.

Mr. SCHERER. Let me understand. You are not relying on the fifth amendment, are you?

Mr. SEEGER. No, sir, although I do not want to in any way discredit or depreciate or depredate the witnesses that have used the fifth amendment, and I simply feel it is improper for this committee to ask such questions.

Mr. SCHERER. And then in answering the rest of the questions, or in refusing to answer the rest of the questions, I understand that you are not relying on the fifth amendment as a basis for your refusal to answer?

Mr. SEEGER. No, I am not, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 2," for identification only.

Chairman WALTER. Mark it and let it be received.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have before me a photostatic copy of the May 4, 1949, issue of the Daily Worker, which has an article entitled "May Day Smash Review Put on by Communist Cultural Division, On Stage," and the article was written by Bob Reed. This article emphasizes a production called Now Is the Time, and it says this:

Now is the Time was a hard hitting May Day show of songs and knife-edged satire. New songs and film strips walloped the enemies of the people in what the singers called "Aesopian language."

Then there is bracketed off in the article this paragraph:

Now Is the Time was a hard hitting May Day show of songs and knife-edged music section of the cultural division of the Communist Party. Script by Lee Hays.

And other persons, including Peter Seeger. Lee Hays is recited to be the MC, or master of ceremonies.

Did you take part in this May Day program under the auspices of the music section of the cultural division of the Communist Party?

Mr. SEEGER. Mr. Chairman, the answer is the same as before.

Mr. SCHERER. I think we have to have a direction.

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer the question.

Mr. SEEGER. I have given you my answer, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. The article contains another paragraph as follows:

This performance of Now Is the Time was given in honor of the 12 indicted Communist Party leaders.

And then it continues with Bob Reed's account of the show:

This reviewer has never seen a show which stirred its audience more. Add up new material, fine personal and group performances, overwhelming audience response—the result was a significant advance in the people's cultural movement. Now is the Time is that rare phenomenon, a political show in which performers and audience had a lot of fun. It should be repeated for large audiences.

Mr. Lee Hays was asked the question while he was on the witness stand as to whether or not he wrote that play and he refused to answer. Do you know whether he was the originator of the script?

Mr. SEEGER. Do I know whether he was the originator of the script? Again my answer is the same. However, if you want to question me about any songs, I would be glad to tell you, sir.

Chairman WALTER. That is what you are being asked about now.

Mr. TAVENNER. All right, I will ask you, but I would like to introduce that document in evidence and ask it to be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 3," for identification only and to be made a part of the committee files.

Chairman WALTER. Mark it and let it be received.

Mr. TAVENNER. You said that you would tell us about the songs. Did you participate in a program at Wingdale Lodge in the State of New York, which is a summer camp for adults and children, on the weekend of July Fourth of this year?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. Again, I say I will be glad to tell what songs I have ever sung, because singing is my business.

Mr. TAVENNER. I am going to ask you.

Mr. SEEGER. But I decline to say who has ever listened to them, who has written them, or other people who have sung them.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you sing this song, to which we have referred, "Now Is the Time," at Wingdale Lodge on the weekend of July Fourth?

Mr. SEEGER. I don't know any song by that name, and I know a song with a similar name. It is called Wasn't That a Time. Is that the song?

Chairman WALTER. Did you sing that song?

Mr. SEEGER. I can sing it, and I don't know how well I can do it without my banjo.

Chairman WALTER. I said, did you sing it on that occasion?

Mr. SEEGER. I have sung that song, and I am not going to go into where I have sung it. I have sung it many places.

Chairman WALTER. Did you sing it on this particular occasion? That is what you are being asked.

Mr. SEEGER. Again my answer is the same.

Chairman WALTER. You said that you would tell us about it.

Mr. SEEGER. I will tell you about the songs, but I am not going to tell you or try to explain—

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer the question. Did you sing this particular song on the Fourth of July at Wingdale Lodge in New York?

Mr. SEEGER. I have already given you my answer to that question, and all questions such as that. I feel that is improper to ask about my associations and opinions. I have said that I would be voluntarily glad to tell you any song, or what I have done in my life.

Chairman WALTER. I think it is my duty to inform you that we don't accept this answer and the others, and I give you an opportunity now to answer these questions, particularly the last one.

Mr. SEEGER. Sir, my answer is always the same.

Chairman WALTER. All right, go ahead, Mr. Tavenner.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you chosen by Mr. Elliott Sullivan to take part in the program on the weekend of July Fourth at Wingdale Lodge?

Mr. SEEGER. The answer is the same, sir.

Mr. WILLIS. Was that the occasion of the satire on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights?

Mr. TAVENNER. The same occasion, yes, sir.

I have before me a photostatic copy of a page from the June 1, 1949 issue of the Daily Worker, and in a column entitled "Town Talk," there is found this statement:

The first performance of a new song If I Had a Hammer, on the theme of the Foley Square trial of the Communist leaders, will be given at the testimonial dinner for the 12 on Friday night at St. Nicholas Arena * * *. Among those on hand for the singing will be * * * Pete Seeger, and Lee Hays—

and others whose names are mentioned.

Did you take part in that performance?

Mr. SEEGER. I shall be glad to answer about the song, sir, and I am not interested in carrying on the line of questioning about where I have sung any songs.

Mr. TAVENNER. I ask a direction.

Chairman WALTER. You may not be interested, but we are, however. I direct you to answer. You can answer that question.

Mr. SEEGER. I feel these questions are improper, sir, and I feel they are immoral to ask any American this kind of question.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you finished your answer?

Mr. SEEGER. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 4," for identification only and to be made a part of the committee files.

Mr. SEEGER. I am sorry you are not interested in the song. It is a good song.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you present in the hearing room while the former witnesses testified?

Mr. SEEGER. I have been here all morning; yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. I assume then that you heard me read the testimony of Mr. Kazan about the purpose of the Communist Party in having its actors entertain for the benefit of Communist fronts and the Communist Party. Did you hear that testimony?

Mr. SEEGER. Yes; I have heard all of the testimony today.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you hear Mr. George Hall's testimony yesterday in which he stated that as an actor, the special contribution that he was expected to make to the Communist Party was to use his talents by entertaining at Communist Party functions? Did you hear that testimony?

Mr. SEEGER. I didn't hear it; no.

Mr. TAVENNER. It is a fact that he so testified. I want to know whether or not you were engaged in a similar type of service to the Communist Party in entertaining at these features.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. I have sung for Americans of every political persuasion, and I am proud that I never refuse to sing to an audience, no matter what religion or color of their skin, or situation of life. I have sung in hobo jungles, and I have sung for the Rockefellers, and I am proud that I have never refused to sing for anybody. That is the only answer I can give along that line.

Chairman WALTER. Mr. Tavenner, are you getting around to that letter? There was a letter introduced yesterday that I think was of greater importance than any bit of evidence adduced at these hearings, concerning the attempt made to influence people in this professional performers guild and union to assist a purely Communist cause which had no relation whatsoever to the arts and the theater. Is that what you are leading up to?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes; it is. That was the letter of Peter Lawrence, which I questioned him about yesterday. That related to the trial of the Smith Act defendants here at Foley Square. I am trying to inquire now whether this witness was party to the same type of propaganda effort by the Communist Party.

Mr. SCHERER. There has been no answer to your last question.

Mr. TAVENNER. That is right; may I have a direction?

Mr. SEEGER. Would you repeat the question? I don't even know what the last question was, and I thought I have answered all of them up to now.

Mr. TAVENNER. What you stated was not in response to the question.

Chairman WALTER. Proceed with the questioning, Mr. Tavenner.

Mr. TAVENNER. I believe, Mr. Chairman with your permission, I will have the question read to him. I think it should be put in exactly the same form.

(Whereupon the reporter read the pending question as above recorded.)

Mr. SEEGER. "These features"; what do you mean? Except for the answer I have already given you, I have no answer. The answer I gave you, you have, don't you? That is that I am proud that I have sung for every American, Americans of every political persuasion, and I have never refused to sing for anybody because I disagreed with their political opinion, and I am proud of the fact that my songs seem to cut across and find perhaps a unifying thing, basic humanity, and that is why I would love to be able to tell you about these songs, because I feel that you would agree with me more, sir. I know many beautiful songs from your home county, Carbon, and Monroe, and I hitchhiked through there and stayed in the homes of miners.

Mr. TAVENNER. You are getting away from the question. My question was whether or not you sang at these functions of the Communist Party. You have answered it inferentially, and if I understand your answer, you are saying you did.

Mr. SEEGER. Except for that answer, I decline to answer further.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you sing at functions of the Communist Party, at Communist Party requests?

Mr. SEEGER. I believe, sir, that a good 20 minutes ago, I gave my answer to this whole line of questioning.

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes; but you have now beclouded your answer by your statement, and I want to make certain what you mean. Did you sing at the Communist Party functions which I have asked you about, as a Communist Party duty?

Mr. SEEGER. I have already indicated that I am not interested, and I feel it is improper to say who has sung my songs or who I have sung them to, especially under such compulsion as this.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you been a member of the Communist Party since 1947?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. The same answer, sir.

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer that question.

Mr. SEEGER. I must give the same answer as before.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have a throwaway sheet entitled "Culture Fights Back, 1953," showing entertainment at the Capitol Hotel, Carnival Room, 51st Street at 8th Avenue, in 1953, sponsored by the Committee To Defend V. J. Jerome. It indicates that Pete Seeger was one of those furnishing the entertainment. Will you tell the committee, please, whether or not you were asked to perform on that occasion, and whether or not you did, either as a Communist Party directive, or as what you considered to be a duty to the Communist Party?

Mr. SEEGER. I believe I have answered this already.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you acquainted with V. J. Jerome?

Mr. SEEGER. I have already told you sir, that I believe my associations, whatever they are, are my own private affairs.

Mr. TAVENNER. You did know, at that time, in 1953, that V. J. Jerome was a cultural head of the Communist Party and one of the Smith Act defendants in New York City?

Mr. SEEGER. Again the same answer, sir.

Mr. SCHERER. You refuse to answer that question?

Mr. SEEGER. Yes, sir.

Chairman WALTER. That is understood.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 5" for identification only.

Chairman WALTER. It will be so marked and received.

Mr. TAVENNER. I hand you a photograph which was taken of the May Day parade in New York City in 1952, which shows the front rank of a group of individuals, and one is in a uniform with military cap and insignia, and carrying a placard entitled "Censored."

Will you examine it please and state whether or not that is a photograph of you?

(A document was handed to the witness.)

Mr. SEEGER. It is like Jesus Christ when asked by Pontius Pilate, "Are you king of the Jews?"

Chairman WALTER. Stop that.

Mr. SEEGER. Let someone else identify that picture.

Mr. SCHERER. I ask that he be directed to answer the question.

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer the question.

Mr. SEEGER. The question—"Do I identify this photograph"?

Chairman WALTER. Yes.

Mr. SEEGER. I say let someone else identify it.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 6."¹

Chairman WALTER. Make it a part of the record.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. TAVENNER. It is noted that the individual mentioned is wearing a military uniform. That was in May of 1952, and the statute of limitations would have run by now as to any offense for the improper wearing of the uniform, and will you tell the committee whether or not you took part in that May Day program wearing a uniform of an American soldier?

Mr. SEEGER. The same answer as before, sir.

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer that question.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SCHERER. I think the record should show that the witness remains mute, following the direction by the chairman to answer that question.

Mr. SEEGER. The same answer, sir, as before.

Mr. SCHERER. Again I understand that you are not invoking the fifth amendment?

Mr. SEEGER. That is correct.

Mr. SCHERER. We are not accepting the answers or the reasons you gave.

Mr. SEEGER. That is your prerogative, sir.

Mr. SCHERER. Do you understand it is the feeling of the committee that you are in contempt as a result of the position you take?

Mr. SEEGER. I can't say.

Mr. SCHERER. I am telling you that that is the position of the committee.

¹ See Lee exhibit No. 1.

Mr. TAVENNER. The Daily Worker of April 21, 1948, at page 7, contains a notice that Pete Seeger was a participant in an affair for Ferdinand Smith. Will you tell the committee what the occasion was at which you took part?

Mr. SEEGER. I hate to waste the committee's time, but I think surely you must realize by now that my answer is the same.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether Ferdinand Smith was under deportation orders at that time?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. I think that he was not under deportation orders until a little later than that.

Chairman WALTER. What is his name?

Mr. TAVENNER. Ferdinand Smith, a Communist Party member and former vice president of the maritime union.

My purpose in asking you these questions, Mr. Seeger, is to determine whether or not, in accordance with the plan of the Communist Party as outlined by Mr. Kazan and Mr. George Hall, you were performing a valuable service to the Communist Party, and if that was the way they attempted to use you.

Mr. SEEGER. Is that a question, sir?

Mr. TAVENNER. That is my explanation to you, with the hope that you will give the committee some light on that subject.

Mr. SEEGER. No, my answer is the same as before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you also perform and entertain at various functions held by front organizations such as the American Youth for Democracy? I have here photostatic copies of the Daily Worker indicating such programs were conducted in Detroit in 1952, at Greenwich Village, on May 10, 1947, and again at another place in March of 1948.

Did you entertain at functions under the auspices of the American Youth for Democracy?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. The answer is the same, and I take it that you are not interested in all of the different places that I have sung, and why don't you ask me about the churches and schools and other places?

Mr. TAVENNER. That is very laudable, indeed, and I wish only that your activities had been confined to those areas.

If you were acting for the Communist Party at these functions, we want to know it. We want to determine just what the Communist Party plan was.

Mr. SCHERER. Witness, you have indicated that you are perfectly willing to tell us about all of these innumerable functions at which you entertained, but why do you refuse to tell us about the functions that Mr. Tavenner inquires about?

Mr. SEEGER. No, sir, I said that I should be glad to tell you about all of the songs that I have sung, because I feel that the songs are the clearest explanation of what I do believe in, as a musician, and as an American.

Mr. SCHERER. Didn't you just say that you sang before various religious groups, school groups?

Mr. SEEGER. I have said it and I will say it again, and I have sung for perhaps—

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SCHERER. You are willing to tell us about those groups?

Mr. SEEGER. I am saying voluntarily that I have sung for almost every religious group in the country, from Jewish and Catholic, and Presbyterian and Holy Rollers and Revival Churches, and I do this voluntarily. I have sung for many, many different groups, and it is hard for perhaps one person to believe, I was looking back over the 20 years or so that I have sung around these 48 States, that I have sung in so many different places.

Mr. SCHERER. Did you sing before the groups that Mr. Tavenner asked you about?

Mr. SEEGER. I am saying that my answer is the same as before. I have told you that I sung for everybody.

Chairman WALTER. Wait a minute. You sung for everybody. Then are we to believe, or to take it that you sang at the places Mr. Tavenner mentioned?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before.

Chairman WALTER. What is that?

Mr. SEEGER. It seems to me like the third time I have said it, if not the fourth.

Chairman WALTER. Maybe it is the fifth, but say it again, and I want to know what your answer is.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. I decline to discuss, under compulsion, where I have sung, and who has sung my songs, that I have helped to write as well as to sing them, and who else has sung with me, and the people I have known. I love my country very dearly and I greatly resent this implication that because some of the places that I have sung and some of the people that I have known, and some of my opinions, whether they are religious or philosophical, or I might be a vegetarian, making me any less of an American. I will tell you about my songs, but I am not interested in telling you who wrote them and I will tell you about my songs, and I am not interested in who listened to them.

Mr. TAVENNER. According to the Daily Worker there was a conference program of the Civil Rights Congress on April 2, 1949, at which you were one of the performers.

On August 27, 1949, the People's Artists presented a summer musicale at Lakeland Acres picnic grounds, Peekskill, N. Y., for the benefit of the Harlem chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, at which you were a participant.

At another meeting of the Civil Rights Congress of New York, around May 11, 1946, you were a participant.

Will you tell the committee, please, under what circumstances you performed, because you have said that you sang at all sorts of meetings, and now under what circumstances were your services acquired on those occasions?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir. I can only infer from your lack of interest in my songs that you are actually scared to know what these songs are like, because there is nothing wrong with my songs, sir. Do you know—

Mr. SCHERER. You said you want to talk about your songs, and I will give you an opportunity. Tell us what songs you sang at Communist Party meetings?

Mr. SEEGER. I will tell you about the songs that I have sung anywhere.

Mr. SCHERER. I want to know the ones that you sang at Communist Party meetings, because those are the songs about which we can inquire. Just tell us one song that you sang at a Communist Party meeting.

Mr. SEEGER. Mr. Scherer, it seems to me that you heard my testimony, and that is a ridiculous question, because you know what my answer is.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. George Hall testified that the entertainment that he engaged in at the instance of the Communist Party, and for the Communist Party were not songs of a political character. He did say, however, that he was expected by the Communist Party to perform in order to raise money for the Communist Party.

Now, did you, as Mr. Hall did, perform in order to raise money for Communist Party causes?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. I don't care what Mr. Hall says, and my answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. That you refuse to answer?

Mr. SEEGER. I have given my answer.

Mr. SCHERER. Was Mr. Hall telling the truth when he told the committee about the entertainment he engaged in at the instance of the Communist Party?

Mr. SEEGER. I don't feel like discussing what Mr. Hall said.

Mr. TAVENNER. The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief has been designated as a front organization. According to the October 22, 1947, issue of the Daily People's World, in California, Pete Seeger headed the list of entertainers to appear at a picnic given by the southern California chapter of that organization.

Did you participate in that program?

Mr. SEEGER. If you have 100 more photostats there, it seems silly for me to give you the same answer 100 more times.

Mr. TAVENNER. What is your answer?

Mr. SEEGER. It is the same as before, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. There are various peace groups in the country which have utilized your services, are there not?

Mr. SEEGER. I have sung for pacifists and I have sung for soldiers.

Mr. TAVENNER. According to the Daily Worker of September 6, 1940, you were scheduled as a singer at a mass meeting of American Peace Mobilization at Turner's Arena, in Washington, D. C.

What were the circumstances under which you were requested to take part in that performance?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. You were a member of the American Peace Mobilization, were you not?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you not a delegate to the Chicago convention of the American Peace Mobilization on September 5, 1940?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before.

Chairman WALTER. Is that organization subversive?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Chairman WALTER. What is the name of it?

Mr. TAVENNER. American Peace Mobilization, and it was the beginning of these peace organizations, back in 1940.

Did you take part in the American Peace Crusade program in Chicago, in April of 1954?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before.

Of course, I would be curious to know what you think of a song like this very great Negro spiritual, I'm Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield, Down By the Riverside.

Mr. TAVENNER. That is not at all responsive to my question.

Mr. SEEGER. I gave you my answer before I even said that.

Mr. TAVENNER. If you refuse to answer, I think that you should not make a speech.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you also perform a service for the California Labor School in Los Angeles by putting on musical programs there?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you teach in the California Labor School?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. SCHERER. I think for the record you should state whether the California Labor School has been cited.

Mr. TAVENNER. It has.

Mr. SCHERER. As subversive and Communist dominated?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, it has been.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you also teach at the Jefferson School of Social Science here in the city of New York?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. SCHERER. I ask that you direct him to answer.

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer. Did you teach at the Jefferson School here at New York?

Mr. SEEGER. I feel very silly having to repeat the same thing over and over again, but my answer is exactly the same as before, sir.

Chairman WALTER. Has the Jefferson School of Social Science been cited?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes, and it has been required to register under the 1950 Internal Security Act.

Mr. SCHERER. There are a number of people here who taught at that school, Mr. Walter.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer in evidence a photostatic copy of an article from the September 21, 1946 issue of the Daily Worker which refers to music courses at Jefferson School, and I call attention to the last sentence in the article wherein the name, Peter Seeger is mentioned as a leader in one of the courses.

I ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 7."

Chairman WALTER. It is received and so marked.

Why don't you insert it in the record at this point, because there can be no objection to inserting it.

Mr. TAVENNER. I insert it in the record at this point.

SEEGER EXHIBIT No. 7

[Daily Worker, New York, Saturday, September 21, 1946]

MUSIC COURSES AT JEFFERSON SCHOOL

Three new courses in music will be offered by the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Avenue of the Americas, for the fall term beginning Sept. 30.

The music of Beethoven, a series of 10 Tuesday evening forums, with records and discussions, of representative works of the great creative epochs of Bee-

thoven's life, will be led by Irwin Freundlich. Mr. Freundlich is on the faculty of the Julliard School of Music.

Horace Grenell, president of Young People's Records, will lead a workshop course in Creating Music.

A People's Songs Workshop, under the supervision of Waldemar Hille, former professor of music at Elmhurst College, will offer practical sessions in writing new songs and in selecting and editing songs for publication. The workshop leaders will include Herbert Haufrecht, *Peter Seeger*, Lee Hayes, and others.

According to the March 18, 1948, issue of the *Daily Worker*, it is indicated that you would entertain at a musical presented by the Jefferson Workers Book Shop. According to the November 25, 1948 issue of the same paper you would perform also under the auspices of the Jefferson School of Social Science. Also you were a participant in a program advertised in the *Daily Worker* of June 1, 1950, put on by the Jefferson School of Social Science, and according to an issue of February 15, 1954, of the same paper, you were expected to play and lecture on songs and ballads in the Jefferson School.

Will you tell the committee, please, what were the circumstances under which you engaged in those programs, if you did?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you also engage in performances for the Labor Youth League in 1954?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before. Do you think that I sing propaganda songs or something?

Mr. TAVENNER. In 1947, what was your connection with an organization known as People's Songs?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. I take the same answer as before regarding any organization or any association I have.

Chairman WALTER. What was People's Songs, Mr. Tavenner?

Mr. TAVENNER. People's Songs was an organization which, according to its issue of February and March 1947, was composed of a number of persons on the board of directors who have been called before this committee or identified by this committee as members of the Communist Party, and the purpose of which, from information made available to the committee, was to extend services to the Communist Party in its entertainment projects.

Mr. Lee Hays was a member of the board of directors, was he not, along with you, in this organization?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you not the editor of People's Songs, and a member of the board of directors in 1947?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. TAVENNER. You were actually the national director of this organization, were you not?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was the organization founded by Alan Lomax?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was the booking agent of People's Songs, an organization known as People's Artists?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee please whether or not during the weekend of July 4, 1955, you were a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you a member of the Communist Party at any time during the various entertainment features in which you were alleged to have engaged?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you a member of the Communist Party now?

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same.

Mr. SCHERER. I ask for a direction on that question.

Chairman WALTER. I direct you to answer.

Mr. SEEGER. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman WALTER. The witness is excused.

The committee will stand in recess until 2 o'clock.

(The committee thereupon recessed at 12:40 p. m., to reconvene at 2 p. m., the same day.)

Because of the foregoing, the said Committee on Un-American Activities was deprived of answers to pertinent questions propounded to said Peter Seeger relative to the subject matter which, under Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the 79th Congress, and under House Resolution 5 of the 84th Congress, the said committee was instructed to investigate, and the refusal of the witness to answer the questions, namely:

May I ask you whether or not the Allerton Section was a section of the Communist Party?

Did you take part in this May Day program under the auspices of the music section of the cultural division of the Communist Party?

Did you sing this particular song on the Fourth of July at Wingdale Lodge in New York?

Were you chosen by Mr. Elliott Sullivan to take part in the program on the weekend of July Fourth at Wingdale Lodge?

Did you take part in that performance?

Have you been a member of the Communist Party since 1947?

Will you examine it please and state whether or not that is a photograph of you?

It is noted that the individual mentioned is wearing a military uniform. That was in May of 1952, and the statute of limitations would have run by now as to any offense for the improper wearing of the uniform, and will you tell the committee whether or not you took part in that May Day program wearing a uniform of an American soldier?

Did you also teach at the Jefferson School of Social Science here in the city of New York?

Are you a member of the Communist Party now?

which questions were pertinent to the subject under inquiry, is a violation of the subpoena under which the witness had previously appeared, and his refusal to answer the aforesaid questions deprived your committee of necessary and pertinent testimony and places the said witness in contempt of the House of Representatives of the United States.

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84TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 636

RESOLUTION

Certifying the report of the Committee on Un-American Activities as to the refusal of Peter Seeger to answer questions before a duly constituted subcommittee of said committee.

By Mr. WALTER

JULY 25, 1956

Considered and agreed to

H. RES. 636

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 1956

Mr. WALTER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved*, That the Speaker of the House of Representa-
2 tives certify the report of the Committee on Un-American
3 Activities of the House of Representatives as to the refusal of
4 Peter Seeger to answer questions before a duly constituted
5 subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities,
6 together with all of the facts in connection therewith, under
7 seal of the House of Representatives, to the United States
8 attorney for the southern district of New York, to the end
9 that the said Peter Seeger may be proceeded against in the
10 manner and form provided by law.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 7-26-56

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 13166- The House adopted H. Res. 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636,
13212 637, and 638, citing Anne Yagur King; John W. Simpson;
William E. Davis; George Tyne; Elliott Sullivan; Peter
Seeger; Otto Nathan; and Arthur Miller for contempt of
the House of Representatives for refusal to answer
questions before the Committee on Un-American Activities.
References to the FBI, contained in a report of the
House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection
with Arthur Miller (pages 13201 and 13205), were set
forth in a memorandum written earlier this date.

Original filed in:

ENCLOSURE

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 7-25-56 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and

placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370932)

DATE: 8/16/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was.,
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(OO:NEW YORK)

A highly confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity cannot be revealed (documentation-anonymous), advised on 8/10/56 that PETER SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York contacted the Rumanian Legation.

At the time of this contact, the subject advised he would be unable to attend the reception celebrating the anniversary of the Liberation of Rumania by the Russian Army being held August 23, 1956.

The above information, if used in a report, must be carefully paraphrased so as not to reveal this sensitive source.

The above is being furnished for the additional information of the New York Division. RUC.

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

March 15, 1956

Director, FBI

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PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C
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Reference is made to the previous communications concerning the above-captioned individual which were furnished your Department.

The following was received from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Seeger is scheduled to entertain on March 18, 1956, at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, under the sponsorship of the Pete Seeger Concert Committee. The proceeds derived will be turned over to the "Freedom Fund" of the St. Louis chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The fund's purpose, according to the source, is to utilize the money in securing equal rights and justice for Negroes generally.

You will be advised of any additional information which comes to the attention of this Bureau.

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YELLOW: Above information furnished by [redacted] per St. Louis airtel 3-9-56. Seeger is not on Security Index; has entertained and has been associated with various CP and front groups 1946 through 1955. Interviewed by HCUA in August 1955, did not revoke 5th Amendment but refused to answer questions put to him.

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From SAC, St. Louis

To: Director, FBI

PETE SEEGER CONCERT COMMITTEE
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On 3-8-56 [redacted] advised that proceeds from PETE SEEGER Concert 3-18-56 at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. (see SL Daylet 3-6-56) will be turned over to "Freedom Fund" of St. Louis Chapter NAACP. This fund started sometime after EMMETT TILL incident for use in securing equal rights and justice for negroes generally.

Above information furnished [redacted] by EILEEN RICHARDSON, veteran St. Louis CP member.

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BAUGARDNER

Daylet

On 3-6-56 Major ELMER BOWINGTON, CIC, St. Louis, Mo. furnished a flier announcing a program by "PETE SEEGER, America's finest folk singer", Sunday, March 18, 8:30 pm, at Graham Chapel, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. The flier indicates it was issued by the "Pete Seeger Concert Committee" and states further "all net proceeds from this concert will be donated to negro organizations and used to aid their Fight for Constitutional Rights".

No other information has been received concerning subject organization or any possible subversive ramifications. On 4-10-53 the Neighborhood Folk Chorus, St. Louis, Mo., sponsored a concert by PETE SEEGER per [redacted] 4-13-53. This source asserted the Neighborhood Folk Chorus was at that time a front organization of the CP. [redacted] also advised that during the concert SEEGER told of the Sears Roebuck picket line, St. Louis, Mo. "to end discrimination in hiring". Informant advised this picket line was run by the St. Louis Chapter, National Negro Labor Council, On 4-13-54 [redacted] advised PETE SEEGER performed at a social sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter, National Negro Labor Council, on 4-9-54. A collection was taken in his behalf.

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Mr. Belmont

CO MR. BELMONT
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Approved: [Signature]
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 1/10/56

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)
 SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was
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ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 11/2/55.

By letter to the Director, 12/5/55, captioned, "House Committee on Un-American Activities," the WFO forwarded to the NYO, three copies of the HCUA publications entitled "Investigations of Communist Activities, New York Area, Part VI, VII and VIII (Entertainment.)"

The NYO has reviewed the testimony in accordance with current instructions pertaining to HCUA testimony.

SEEGER is the subject of a closed case file in the NYO. SEEGER is a former SI subject of the NYO.

Although SEEGER did not invoke the Fifth Amendment, he refused to answer any questions regarding his activities. There is no indication of perjury in SEEGER'S testimony. The witness should be considered as uncooperative inasmuch as he refused to answer questions regarding his activities, even when faced with the possibility of being cited for contempt. SEEGER was arrogant and sarcastic at times during the questioning.

This case will be kept in a closed status until information is received which would warrant further investigation.

The NYO does not intend to interview SEEGER since it is felt that an interview would be unproductive.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200,845)

DATE: 11/2/55

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was
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On 8/18/55, captioned subject testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at the HCUA hearings concerning the penetration of radio, television, and legitimate stage by the Communist Party.

The subject appeared before the committee with his banjo and appeared eager to sing his songs for the committee according to the New York Herald Tribune of 8/19/55. This article further reflected that the subject offered to testify about his songs but refused to discuss groups he had played before.

Reading from Photostats of "The Daily Worker" and other Communist publications, Mr. TAVENNER (Counsel for the committee) asked Mr. SEEGER about a long list of rallies he was alleged to have sung before. The witness refused to answer.

Mr. SEEGER did not invoke the protection of the 5th Amendment even after he was warned he faced contempt proceedings. He insisted that the committee had no right to ask about his associations.

According to this article, he stated, "I feel in my whole life I've never done anything of a conspiratorial nature", SEEGER also said, "I love my country very dearly". "I've sung for Americans of every political persuasion. I've sung in hobo jungles and I've sung for the ROCKEFELLERS."

The article reflected that SEEGER refused to answer questions about his alleged associations with the CRC, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, American Peace Mobilization, American Peace Crusade, California Labor School, JSSS, LYL, People's Songs, People's Artists, and the cultural division of the Communist Party.

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The most recent report in this matter is the report of SA WILLIAM F. DESMOND, JR. at Detroit dated 7/28/55.

On 9/30/55, by letter, the NYO recommended that the subject's name be deleted from the Security Index. The Bureau approved this recommendation and deleted the subject's name from the Security Index.

In view of the subject's deletion from the Security Index and as there is no outstanding investigation to be conducted, this case is being placed in a closed status in the NYO. It is not believed that an additional report is needed at this time.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/30/55

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

Security Index card cancelled

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was
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REFERENCE: SAC Letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

On 8/18/55, PETER SEEGER testified before the HCUA at a public hearing concerning the penetration of radio, television and the legitimate theatre by the CP. SEEGER refused to discuss groups he had played before. SEEGER did not invoke protection of the Fifth Amendment even though he was warned that he faced contempt proceedings. He insisted that the committee had no right to ask about his associations. SEEGER refused to identify a picture of a man in a photograph of the 1952 May Day Parade at New York. SEEGER refused to answer questions about his alleged association with the CRC, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, American Peace Mobilization, American Peace Crusade, California Labor School, JSSS, Labor Youth League, People's Songs, People's Artists, and the Cultural Division of the CP.

The "Daily Worker" published announcements on the following dates indicating that SEEGER would entertain or lecture on folk music under the sponsorship of the listed organizations:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
✓ 1/14/55	Square Dance	People's Artists ✓
✓ 1/12/55	Square Dance	People's Artists ✓
12/19/54	Holiday Concerts	International Folkways
✓ 5/7/54	Pete Seeger Concert	Manhattan LYL ✓
✓ 4/27/55	May Day Evening with Pete Seeger	Student Division LYL ✓
✓ 3/10/54	International Womens Day	Families of Smith Act Victims ✓ cited by AG
3/3/54	"Lift Every Voice"	Bronx County ALP
✓ 2/16/54	Guest Lecturer	JSSS
✓ 2/15/54	Guest Lecturer	JSSS
2/4/54	"Winter Ball"	National Guardian
✓ 2/3/54	LYL Second National Convention	LYL
✓ 1/3/54	Concert	People's Artists

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
12/18/53	Concert	Jewish Young Folk Singers
12/13/53	Concert	Jewish Young Folk Singers
9/15/53	Rosenberg Rally	NCSJRC
9/15/53	Peace Rally	NCASP
6/25/53	Peace Rally	ALP
5/22/53	Steve Nelson Dinner	Committee to Defend Steve Nelson
5/17/53	Rally	Committee to Defend V. J. Jerome

The "Daily Worker" published announcements on the following dates reflecting that PETE SEEGER would entertain at "Hootenannys": 5/10/55, 4/3/55, 3/28/55, 12/23/53, 4/19/53, 4/2/53. The "Daily Worker" announcements indicated that these "Hootenannys" consisted of folk music and that admission is charged. However, the announcements are not carried as advertisements by the "Daily Worker", but as news items. [redacted] (reliable) advised on 6/1/55 that at a Columbia University LYL meeting on 5/31/55 in a discussion on what was being done on the Negro question on campus, it was mentioned that PETE SEEGER had entertained at NAACP meetings.

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On 5/5/55, [redacted] (reliable) furnished a throwaway announcing a "May Day Party" sponsored by the student division of the New York State LYL to be held on 4/30/55, at which the featured entertainer would be PETE SEEGER. On 5/4/55, [redacted] (reliable) advised that PETE SEEGER entertained at an LYL student division dance held on 4/30/55 in New York City. The "Education Sun," a bi-monthly professional newspaper, issue of 4/27/55 carried an announcement of "A Party with Pete Seeger and Other Folk Singers" sponsored by the New York student division of the LYL on 4/30/55.

On 4/6/55, [redacted] (reliable) furnished a bulletin dated 4/4/55 issued by the Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born which announced that on 4/9/55 at Detroit Institute of Fine Arts, a concert was to be held featuring PETE SEEGER. "Sing Out" the official quarterly publication of People's Artists received through a confidential mailbox of the NYO on 2/7/55 lists

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PETE SEEGER as a "staff member." (People's Artists cited by California CUA.)

On 12/30/54 or 1/6/55, VIRGIL BRELAND, Assistant Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, furnished two greeting cards in the form of "peace doves" from "the Seeger Family" which were post marked 12/17/54 at New York City and bore the return address "Seeger, Box 452, Beacon, New York." One of these cards was addressed to IRVING POTASH and the other to CARL WINTER. It is noted that subject resides at Beacon, New York.

Photostats of greeting cards "from all the Seeger family" post marked 12/17/54 at New York City to JOHN GATES and EUGENE DENNIS at Atlanta Penitentiary were furnished by Mr. EUGENE GOODWYN, Assistant Warden, on 2/4/55. The greeting cards bore the return address "Seeger, Box 452, Beacon, New York.

On 5/6/54, [] (reliable) advised that PETE SEEGER entertained for a two hour program at Yugoslav Hall, New York City, on 5/1/54 under the sponsorship of the various LYL groups of the colleges of New York City. [] (reliable) in about April, 1954, identified PETER SEEGER as a participant in the 1953 May Day demonstration in New York City. The identification was made from a photo of the demonstration.

On 4/15/54, [] (reliable) advised that PETER SEEGER supplied the entertainment at an LYL pre-convention rally held in the Bronx, New York on 2/19/54. The principle speaker was PETTIS PERRY. [] (reliable) advised on 4/13/54 that the subject entertained at a social sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council on 4/9/54 in St. Louis, Missouri. Source advised that a collection was taken for the subject and about twelve to fourteen dollars was collected.

On 12/21/53, [] (reliable) advised that PETE SEEGER entertained at a CRC sponsored meeting at the Parisian Room, Essex Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 12/18/53.

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[redacted] (reliable) advised probably in early 1951 that PETER SEEGER had entertained at closed meetings of the CP in the past. The source did not furnish specific dates. [redacted] (reliable) advised on 9/12/49 that PETER SEEGER was a member of the CP in New York. On 4/30/53, [redacted] (reliable) advised that PETE SEEGER was a CP member in the Music II CP Section during the latter part of 1949 and early 1950. LOUIS F. BUDENZ (reliable) advised on 6/3/50 that the subject was a CP member in 1945 and acted in People's Songs Inc.

On 3/3/54, SIDNEY RUBENSTEIN, a self-admitted CP member from September, 1945 through November, 1948, advised that he believes PETE SEEGER to have been a leader in the Cultural Branch of the CP in New York City in 1948. JOHN LAUTNER (reliable) advised on 12/13/54 that he knew PETE SEEGER as a CP member from 1947 to 1949.

RECOMMENDATION *Alper*

Remove from Security Index.

SEEGER testified before the HCUA on 8/18/55 and although he refused to answer questions concerning groups before which he had entertained, he did not invoke the protection of the Fifth Amendment. No information is available reflecting CP membership on SEEGER'S part subsequent to early 1950. Even though SEEGER has entertained before Front Groups in 1954 and 1955, no information is available reflecting that he has held any office or acted in a leadership capacity in these groups in the past three years. SEEGER is recommended for removal from the SI since he is not within the criteria.

DETCOM TABBING

1. The subject's SI cards are not presently tabbed.
2. The subject has not been approved for Detcom tabbing under the new criteria set forth in SAC Letter 55-12 (A) 2/10/55.
3. The subject is recommended for removal from the Security Index.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 7/28/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/28-30/55	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM F. DESMOND, JR. MAL
TITLE PETER SEEGER, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject gave a concert on 4/9/55 at the Detroit Institute of Arts which was sponsored by the Young Folk Artists, which organization, according to informants, appears to be closely associated with the Labor Youth League. PAUL GRIGOUT, Assistant Curator, Detroit Institute of Arts, advised the concert would have been cancelled because of past activity of Subject and sponsors but was not for fear of a law suit and publicity. Informants advised Subject will return to Detroit in latter part of 1955.

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DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan:

CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY AND RELATED GROUPS

The Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The April 5, 1955, edition of "The Detroit Free Press," a Detroit daily newspaper, carried an article which reflected that the Subject was scheduled to give a concert on April 9, 1955, at the Detroit Institute of Arts under the auspices of the Young Folk Artists of Detroit.

The April 11, 1955, edition of "The Detroit Free Press" reflected that the Subject gave the concert as scheduled and praised his rendition of folk songs.

On March 17, 1955, Confidential Informant Detroit T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the concert to be given by the Subject was allegedly sponsored by the Young Folk Artists but T-1 stated it was believed that the Labor Youth League was behind it.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Mr. PAUL GRIGOUT, Assistant Curator, Detroit Institute of Arts, advised in April, 1955, that DOROTHY MAC KAY, LORRAINE NOWACKI, and HASKELL ROTHSTEIN, acting as representatives for Young Folk Artists, had previously made arrangements to rent the Institute for the concert to be given on April 9, 1955, by the Subject. Mr. GRIGOUT stated he was going to cancel the affair as of April 7, 1955, acting on information he had received from another source regarding the past activities of the Subject and his sponsors; however, he stated that the attorneys for the City of Detroit took the matter under advisement and rendered the opinion if the contract was cancelled, it might possibly result in a law suit and considerable publicity. It was then decided to fulfil the contract.

On April 20, 1953, Confidential Informant Detroit T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, described ~~DOROTHY MAC KAY~~ as one of the "old corps" of the Labor Youth League at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

On September 1, 1954, Confidential Informant Detroit T-3, a state agency which conducts security type investigations, advised GENEVIEVE LORRAINE ~~NOWACKI~~ was a member of the Labor Youth League in 1954.

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On May 21, 1953, T-3 advised that HASKELL
~~X~~ROTHSTEIN was a Labor Youth League member in 1953. *Mich.*

Confidential Informant Detroit T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 2, 1955, that BOLZA BAXTER had been in contact with DOROTHY MAC KAY in regard to having the Subject appear on a local television program. Further BAXTER indicated he wanted to furnish MAC KAY with additional instructions regarding the concert.

T-3 advised on April 4, 1955, that all money collected on the sale of tickets for the concert by Labor Youth League members was to be turned over to BOLZA BAXTER, Michigan State Chairman of the Labor Youth League.

On April 12, 1955, Confidential Informant Detroit T-5, who furnished reliable information in the past, stated that ESTHER SHAPIRO was making arrangements to have the Subject give a concert at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in either September or October, 1955.

STEVE SCHEMANSKE, a former member of District 7, CP, from 1944 to 1953, who has testified in the Detroit Smith Act trials in 1953, has identified ~~ESTHER~~ SHAPIRO as a long-time CP member. *Mich.*

On April 14, 1955, Confidential Informant Detroit T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a meeting of the Billy Allan Defense Committee held at 3265 Pingree on April 8, 1955, ALLAN stated that the Subject was an old friend of his whom he has known for many years.

WILLIAM ALLAN, with aliases, was convicted for violation of the Smith Act at Detroit in February, 1954.

T-1 advised on April 28, 1955, that he had been informed at Labor Youth League headquarters that the Subject would come back to Detroit around November, 1955.

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T-2 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	DOROTHY MAC KAY, LYL member	4/20/53	JOHN R. COOPER	100-19683-43
T-3 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	GENEVIEVE LORRAINE NOWACKI, LYL member	9/1/54	JOHN R. NORPEL & JOHN A. LELWICA	100-18298-1300
	HASKELL ROTHSTEIN, LYL member	5/21/53	IRVING R. ANDERSON	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
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T-6 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	4/8/55	4/14/55	JOHN E. KING	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

REFERENCE

Report of SA MILLER R. WEEDA, Detroit, dated June 18, 1951.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370932)

DATE: April 6, 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was.,
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OO: NEW YORK

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Pete SEEGER

On 3/2/55, [redacted]

[redacted] should be described as one who is in a position to furnish accurate information and has furnished reliable information in the past, and his information should be appropriately paraphrased and protected by a T symbol), advised SA PETER J. MURPHY, JR., that the Hungarian Legation in Washington, D. C., had ordered 500 invitations for a reception to be held at the Hungarian Legation on 4/4/55, and 400 invitations for a reception to be held at the Legation on 4/2/55, both in "celebration of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of Hungary by the Soviet Army."

On 3/15/55, [redacted]

[redacted] (who should also be protected by a T symbol, and who should be described as one who is in a position to furnish accurate information and has furnished reliable information in the past) advised SA JAMES L. STARTZELL that catering service had been requested at the Hungarian Legation on the evening of 4/2/55, for approximately 200 individuals who were described as being from the "Hungarian colony." Catering service was also requested on the evening of 4/4/55, for approximately 300 individuals described as diplomatic personnel.

On 3/12/55, [redacted]

[redacted] (whose identity must be very carefully protected and whose information should be paraphrased), advised SA CHARLES B. TEBBS that several hundred letters of uniform size and shape had been mailed on that date with the return address of the Hungarian Legation, Washington, D. C. An anonymous source of known reliability noted that one of the above letters contained a printed invitation to the following effect, "In celebration of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of Hungary by the Soviet Army, the Minister of the Hungarian People's Republic and Madame SZARKA request the honor of the company of [redacted] at a reception on Monday, the 4th of April from seven to nine o'clock at the Legation." (It is presumed that a portion of the letters issued invitations

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to the reception on 4/2/55, rather than on 4/4/55.)

One of the above-mentioned uniform letters was addressed to MR. and MRS. PETE ~~SEEGER~~, Box 452, Beacon, New York. SEEGER appears to be identical with the subject. The original documentation in this regard appears in WFO file 105-4649-Sub B.

The indices of the WFO reflect that the subject is or has been the subject of an investigation in the New York Division.

The above is furnished for information and any action deemed advisable. Any further indication that the subject actually attended the reception will be promptly furnished the Bureau and interested offices. RUC.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370932) ¹⁰⁰⁻²⁰⁰⁸⁴⁵

FROM : SAC, New York (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was
SM - C

DATE: 2/5/55

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Attached hereto are six copies to the Bureau, 2 copies to Chicago, 2 copies to Detroit, 2 copies to Los Angeles and 2 copies to WFO of amended page 11, paragraph 2 of the report of SA JOHN J. CONNOLLY, dated 3/28/51 at NY, entitled, "PETER SEEGER, was; SM-C."

It should be noted that the word "reliability" has been changed to "unreliability."

These pages are to replace the original in the above report.

NY copies have been corrected.

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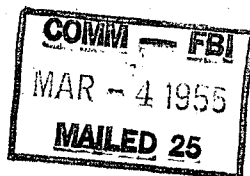
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Date: March 4, 1955
To: District Director
Immigration and Naturalization Service
70 Columbus Avenue
New York 23, New York
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent John J. Connolly dated March 28, 1951, at New York.

Page eleven, paragraphs two and four mention information obtained from Confidential Informant T-18. This informant is [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] who is now of known unreliability. You may desire to change your copy of this report.

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Mr. Armando di Girolamo
Chief
Records Administration Branch

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March 4, 1955

Director, FBI

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cc- Omaha Field Division

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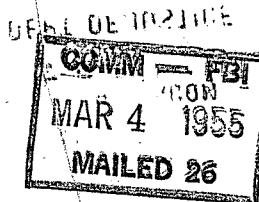
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TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 11/12/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Teacher, Downtown Community School, 285 E 11th St., NY, NY, & Columbia University. TheWeavers, A Professional Singing Quartette which Periodically tours Sections of U.S.

KEY FACILITY DATA:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/19/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was
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Additional--"The Weavers" a professional singing quartette which periodically tours sections of U.S.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 5/21/53

SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION

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Rebulet 4/9/53.

PETER SEEGER was interviewed on 5/8/53 by SA HEINZ H. EISELE and SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD at Dutchess Junction, NY. The interview was started at 12:40 P.M. and was terminated at 12:45 P.M.

At the time of the interview the subject was alone and in a small truck that was owned by him. He was interviewed approximately one mile from his home shortly after he had left his child out of the truck to attend the school at Dutchess Junction.

The agents identified themselves to SEEGER and he immediately invited them to his home. This invitation was refused and the purpose of the interview was stated to Mr. SEEGER. SEEGER immediately stated "I think I had just better not say anything". Shortly thereafter SEEGER again repeated that statement and indicated through his actions that he considered the interview to be terminated. He thereupon drove away in his truck.

During the interview SEEGER was courteous to the agents at all times. When first contacted his attitude towards the agents was quite cordial. When the purpose of the interview was stated his manner became reserved but he continued to be courteous. At no time during the interview did SEEGER lose his composure or appear to be uncertain or confused.

No further action is contemplated by the NY Division.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12-15-54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

ADD: 405 Instructor of Music, Metropolitan School Of Music

18 West 74th Street, New York City

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SAC, New York

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Director, FBI (100-384365)

FRED HELLERMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Remylet October 5, 1951.

Enclosed herewith are four photographic copies of a newspaper article which appeared in the Miami "Daily News," Miami, Florida, on February 27, 1952. This article reflects that three members of "The Weavers," a professional singing troupe, were charged by a "former FBI undercover Agent" as being Communists and the fourth member of the troupe was alleged to have been a former member of the Communist Party. According to the article the members of "The Weavers" are Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Halterman.

By relet you were referred to the report of Special Agent John J. Connolly, dated March 28, 1951, at New York, entitled "Peter Seeger, was., Security Matter - C," which reflected that Peter Seeger, a Security Index card subject, was singing with a quartet known as "The Weavers." According to this report the other members of "The Weavers" were Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Hellerman. You were requested by relet to conduct security investigations concerning Hays, Gilbert and Hellerman.

Your attention is called to the fact that the afore-mentioned Halterman and Hellerman may possibly be the same individual. Therefore, in the course of your investigation you should attempt to reconcile this matter.

In the event Hellerman and Halterman are two different individuals who have been members of "The Weavers" separate security investigations should be conducted.

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27—Three members of "The Weavers", a professional singing troupe, (above) were charged by a former FBI undercover agent as being Communists. The accused are Miss Ronnie Gilbert, (in foreground), Pete Seeger, (left), and Fred Halterman, (right). The agent charged that the fourth member of the troupe, Lee Hays, (center), formerly was a Communist and was a former editor of the Philadelphia edition of the Daily Worker.—AP Wire-photo.

MIAMI DAILY NEWS
MIAMI, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 27, 1952

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/8/53

FROM : SAC, New York

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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NEW YORK DIVISION

Rebulet 4/9/53. 100-200845-21

SEEGER has not been interviewed at the present time. It is to be noted that he is a musician and a member of the Weavers, a well known musical quartet. This group travels extensively and, as a result, SEEGER is often away from his home for extended periods. SEEGER has not been contacted to date due to the irregularity of his habits and travel.

It is anticipated that he will be contacted within the next 30 days.

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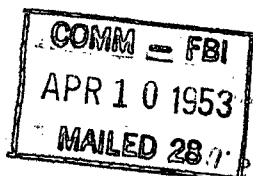
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Authority is granted to contact subject in accordance with the plan outlined on page two of your letter. In conducting this interview, you should be guided by Existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with security subjects. Advise Bureau results.

If the above interview cannot be conducted within thirty days, the Bureau should be furnished the reason why the contact has not been made and when you anticipate conducting the interview.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/2/53

FROM : SAC, New York

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, was;
Pete Seeger, Pete Bowers
SECURITY MATTER - C
SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISIONBackground

~~MRS~~ PETER SEEGER was born 5/3/19 in NY, NY. He married EILEEN TASHIROHTA, whose father is Japanese, in 1943. He is a member of the Caucasian race and a United States citizen.

SEEGER attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., from 1936 to 1938 but was not graduated. He organized the Almanac Singers in about 1940 and was the leader until he entered the United States Army in 1942. He was discharged in 1946 and in 1946 was one of the organizers of Peoples Songs, Inc. He has served as Editor, Executive Chairman and National Director prior to the dissolution of the company in 1949. The successor to that company is the Peoples Artists Company, 799 Broadway and the personnel of that company is reported to be about the same as the personnel of the Peoples Songs, Inc. SEEGER is not known specifically to be associated with Peoples Songs, Inc.

SEEGER is a member of the Weavers, a musical quartet that specializes in Folk Songs and is presently among the most popular of the Decca recordings. The Weavers have been very popular and have traveled extensively in the United States and spend a large part of the time "on tour".

SEEGER and his wife presently live on route 9D, Beacon, New York.

Communist Party Activity

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

Employees and officers of Peoples Songs, Inc., and the Peoples Artists, Inc., are reported to be Communists or pro-Communists. The organization of Peoples Songs took an active part in the campaign of the Progressive Party in 1948 and SEEGER entertained at meetings of the Progressive Party. Peoples Songs has been reported to have been active in Communist front groups and Communist sponsored schools and through that group SEEGER was supplied as an instructor to the Jefferson School of Social Sciences. He has also been an instructor in the school for Political Action, Washington, D.C.

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Letter to Director

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The Almanac Singers composed songs, that were anti-American, for the American Peace Mobilization that picketed the White House in 1941. The Weavers have appeared before numerous pro-Communist and Communist front groups and have also entertained at "closed meetings" of Communist Party functionaries. In 1951 he was an entertainer before a meeting of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council in Los Angeles, California. He has been closely associated with known Communists and in 1945 was known to be a member of the Communist Party.

Plan of Approach

SEEGER spends the major portion of his time away from his home on tour with the Weavers. He lives in a rural area.

It is anticipated that he will be contacted after he leaves his home for shopping or other purposes in Beacon, NY. A surveillance can be conducted in Beacon, NY on route 9D at a long distance from his house during a period when he is at his home.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject under the informant program.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 4/3/53

FROM: SAC, New York (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER was;
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4/10/53 apc

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Teacher - Downtown Community School, 285 E. 11th Street, New York, New York

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PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - EX-130

Burllet dated March 17, 1952, captioned "Peter Seeger, Ronnie Gilbert, Fred Hellerman, Lee Hayes, 'The Weavers,' SM - C."

For your information in this matter, there is attached the report of Special Agent John J. Connolly dated March 28, 1951, at New York.

Peter Seeger is presently included in the Security Index and Ronnie Gilbert, Fred Hellerman and Lee Hays are the subjects of security investigations in the New York Office.

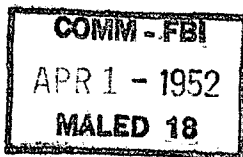
A copy of referenced letter is being forwarded to the New York Office along with a copy of this memorandum.

Enclosure

cc - New York (100-83801) (Enclosure)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/17/52

FROM : SAC, Omaha (~~200-0~~)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, RONNIE GILBERT,
FRED HELLERMAN, LEE HAYES - NR
"THE WEAVERS";
SM-C

Mr. FRANK FOGARTY, Manager of Radio and Television Station WOW, Omaha, who is a contact of this office and a personal friend of long-standing, has informed me that he received a letter from the local post of the American Legion advising him that the above-named individuals are affiliated with Communist groups. The American Legion requested that they be removed from the WOW programs. Mr. FOGARTY states that the above individuals have made numerous folk music records and also make live broadcasts from radio stations throughout the country under the trade name "The Weavers." Their recorded program is carried on WOW. He stated that the American Legion gave no indication as to the source of their information, or whether it was merely a rumor. He desires to discontinue their program if there is any substantial evidence to indicate that these persons are Communist affiliated.

It is requested that the Bureau advise this office as to any information which may appear in the Bureau's files indicating that this group is Communist affiliated.

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RE TELEPHONE CALL TODAY FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NICHOLS OFFICE TO YOUR OFFICE CONCERNING GOVERNOR LAUSCHE AND MUSICAL TEAM CALLED THE "WEAVERS" CONSISTING OF PETER SEEGER, FRED HELLERMAN, LEE HAYS AND RONNIE GILBERT. PUBLIC SOURCE DATA FOLLOWS: IN TESTIFYING BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES JULY TWENTY-ONE NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN, WALTER S. STEELE REFERRED TO GROUP KNOWN AS PEOPLE'S SONGS, INCORPORATED NEW YORK CITY JANUARY THIRTY-ONE NINETEEN FORTY-SIX AND ALLEGED IT HAD INJECTED ITSELF INTO COMMUNIST FRONTS AND COMMUNIST SCHOOLS. PETER SEEGER AND LEE HAYS WERE LISTED AMONG THE DIRECTORS AND INCORPORATORS. STEELE STATED PEOPLE'S SONGS, APPEARED TO BE DIRECTLY DESCENDED FROM THE ALMANAC SINGERS WHICH PRIOR TO WORLD WAR TWO PUBLISHED "SONGS FOR THE WORKERS." ALMANAC SINGERS FURNISHED SONGS USED BY SUCH COMMUNIST GROUPS AS THE AMERICAN STUDENT UNION, AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION AND SO FORTH, ACCORDING TO STEELE. "THE WORKER," EAST COAST COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER, ON MARCH THIRTY-ONE NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE, REFLECTED PETER SEEGER AMONG THOSE WHO FOUNDED PEOPLE'S SONGS, DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN ORGANIZED TO MAKE SONGS AVAILABLE FOR ENTERTAINMENT AT "PROGRESSIVE" AFFAIRS, PICKET LINES, ETC. THE "PEOPLE'S SONGS BULLETIN," PUBLISHED BY PEOPLE'S SONGS, FOR JULY AND AUGUST, NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT, LISTED SEEGER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION. NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT REPORT CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, PAGE THREE-NINE TWO, CITED

PEOPLE'S SONGS, INCORPORATED, AS COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION. REPORT STATED, "ALL PRODUCTIONS OF PEOPLE'S SONGS, INCORPORATED, FOLLOW THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE." NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM, SEPTEMBER

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TWENTY-FIVE NINETEEN FORTY-SIX CARRIED ARTICLE BY FREDERICK WOLTMAN THAT SEEGER AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH PEOPLE'S SONGS, INCORPORATED, "A COMMUNIST MUSICAL TROUPE" WERE SELLING "CLASS STRUGGLE TO THE MASSES" OVER THE NEW YORK CITY OWNED RADIO STATION WNYC EVERY MONDAY NIGHT. WOLTMAN ASSERTED PEOPLE'S SONGS, INCORPORATED, HAD WRITTEN SONGS FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY MAY DAY PARADE. AS OF JUNE SIXTEEN NINETEEN FIFTY PETER SEEGER WAS SINGING WITH QUARTET KNOWN AS THE "WEAVERS" ALLEGEDLY AN OUTGROWTH OF THE ALMANAC SINGERS WHICH WAS ACTIVE DURING THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY CAMPAIGN IN NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT. LATTER GROUP SANG AT PROGRESSIVE PARTY CONVENTION PHILADELPHIA AND LATER AT RALLIES AND MEETINGS DURING CAMPAIGN. ACCORDING TO CATALOG JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE FALL TERM, NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, SEEGER LISTED AMONG NEW LECTURERS. DESCRIBED AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE'S SONGS, INCORPORATED. JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE LISTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL AS SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION. "DAILY WORKER," MARCH TWENTY-NINE NINETEEN FORTY-SIX REFLECTED SEEGER SCHEDULED TO ENTERTAIN AT SUPPER HELD BY THE COMMUNITY CLUB NUMBER TWO, THOMAS JEFFERSON SECTION, COMMUNIST PARTY, NEW YORK STATE, MARCH THIRTY-ONE NINETEEN FORTY-SIX AT TWO NAUGHT ONE WEST SEVENTY-SECOND STREET, NEW YORK CITY. "DAILY WORKER," MAY TWENTY-FOUR NINETEEN FORTY-SIX INDICATED SEEGER SCHEDULED TO ENTERTAIN AT VETERANS' CONFERENCE HELD AT THE CENTRAL PLAZA ANNEX, FORTY EAST SEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, AUGUST 15 1951

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MAY FIVE NINETEEN FORTY-SIX. CONFERENCE UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY WHICH DECLARED SUBVERSIVE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL. "DAILY WORKER" MAY ONE NINETEEN FORTY-SIX CONTAINED MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM THE "DISC COMPANY OF AMERICA, OFFICIAL PRODUCERS OF USSR RECORDS." IT WAS INDICATED IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT THAT PETER SEEGER WAS A RECORDING ARTIST OF THE DISC COMPANY OF AMERICA. "DAILY WORKER" SEPTEMBER FIVE NINETEEN FORTY-SIX ADVISED THAT ENTERTAINMENT WAS TO TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN NINETEEN FORTY-SIX AT TOWN HALL SPONSORED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS AND STAGED BY PEOPLE'S SONGS, INCORPORATED. SEEGER WAS FEATURED AMONG THE ENTERTAINERS TO APPEAR ON THE PROGRAM. "DAILY WORKER," APRIL TWENTY-EIGHT NINETEEN FORTY-NINE ANNOUNCED THAT PETE SEEGER, FRED HELLERMAN, LEE HAYS AND OTHERS PLANNED A SHOW KNOWN AS "NOW IS THE TIME " IN HONOR OF THE TWELVE INDICTED COMMUNIST LEADERS AT THE PANEL ROOM, THIRTEEN ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK CITY, ON APRIL THIRTY NINETEEN FORTY-NINE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MAY DAY PARADE. INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK PART IN THE MAY DAY PARADE WERE INVITED TO ATTEND. "DAILY WORKER" MAY FIVE NINETEEN FORTY-NINE ANNOUNCED THAT THE "NOW IS THE TIME " SHOW WAS SPONSORED BY THE CULTURAL DIVISION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PETE SEEGER entertained at State Conference on Civil Rights sponsored by Civil Rights Congress of Michigan in Detroit on April 1 and 2, 1949. Detroit sources list PETE BOWERS as having been a member of the Almanac Singers, Communist front musical organization. One source asserted that as of 1943, BOWERS, who was then in the Army Air Force, still advised this group and gave it inspiration. The Almanac Singers, who were located in Detroit during 1942 to 1943 after touring the United States, were reported to have made many appearances at union functions and mass meetings and to have sung for various branches of the United States Government over major radio networks. Communist affiliations on part of personnel of the group which was reportedly often identified with participation in Communist functions set forth.

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ACTIVITY OF PETE SEEGER

The April 2, 1949 issue of the "Pittsburgh Courier" (Detroit edition), weekly newspaper published by and for the Negro people, on page 6, column 1 in an article entitled "Democracy Defense Confab April 1-2" reported that the Michigan Civil Rights Congress announced a state conference in defense of democracy would be held Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 at the Music Hall and at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. It was indicated the conference would open with a rally on Friday, April 1 at 8:00 P.M. at the Music Hall, featuring such speakers as United States Senator WILLIAM LANGER of North Dakota, Doctor J. FINLEY WILSON, Washington, D. C., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and attorney MAURICE SUGAR, Michigan labor lawyer. It was stated that musical entertainment would be provided by PETE SEEGER, nationally known singer of folk songs.

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization falling within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Informant Detroit T-1, a prominent individual who holds a responsible position, stated that on Friday night, April 1, 1949 he attended the above mentioned meeting held in the Music Hall, Detroit and sponsored by the CRC. He stated that there were between 500 and 800 people in attendance and that early in the program, one PETE SEEGER led the audience in group singing. One of the speakers, according to the Informant, was Detroit attorney MAURICE SUGAR who criticized the trial of the national Communist Party leaders as a trial of thought and books and said that the government was attempting to destroy civil rights. (MAURICE SUGAR has been an advisor and attorney for CARL WINTER, Communist Party National Board Member convicted in New York for violation of the Smith Act.)

Informant Detroit T-2, of known reliability, stated that on April 1, 1949 a Civil Rights Congress Conference, attended by about 1200 persons including a number of CP members, was held at the Music Hall in Detroit. Informant stated that PETE SEEGER, whom he identified as a singer and a familiar figure in the past at "Mass Wallace Meetings", led the group in attendance in songs at intervals throughout the program after which SEEGER received tremendous applause.

On April 7, 1949 Informant Detroit T-3, of known reliability, stated that on April 1, 1949 a CRC mass meeting was held at the Music Hall in Detroit where PETE SEEGER played on a guitar and sang union and "old IWW songs", being joined by the audience. According to the Informant, SEEGER did the same thing during the WALLACE for President campaign.

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T-3 stated that following the CRC conference which was held on April 2, 1949 at 2705 Joy Road in Detroit, PETE SEEGER was among a small group who met at the home of JACK GORE (Youth Section Organizer of the Communist Party of Michigan) in Detroit on which occasion those present praised the speakers at the CRC conference as well as themselves for the good job they did in preparing for this conference.

Informant Detroit T-4, of known reliability, but whose sources are unknown, stated that at the above mentioned Michigan State-Wide Civil Rights Conference sponsored by the CRC, PETE SEEGER, a known singer with guitar, was introduced at which time he rendered several union and Communist songs.

On April 4, 1949 Informant Detroit T-5, of known reliability, stated that PETE SEEGER entertained with songs, mostly union songs, at the above mentioned rally sponsored by the CRC.

T-5 also stated that PETE SEEGER of People's Songs was on the program for music and songs at both the morning and afternoon sessions of the State Conference of the CRC held on April 2, 1949. This information supplied by T-5 was corroborated by Informants Detroit T-6 and T-7, both of known reliability.

On May 23, 1949 Informant Detroit T-8, of known reliability, stated that a "CRC Bulletin" dated April 15, 1949, put out by the CRC of Michigan, 424 Reid Building, Detroit, reported on the State Conference on Civil Rights held in Detroit on April 1 and 2, 1949. This Bulletin reflected that PETE SEEGER of People's Songs was among the welcome additions to the program on the evening of April 1 at the Music Hall.

The 1948 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, page 392, cited People's Songs, Incorporated, as a Communist front organization. The report stated, "all productions of People's Songs, Incorporated, follow the Communist Party line assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

On May 23, 1951 Informant Detroit T-9, of known reliability, recalled that he first saw PETE SEEGER about 1943 or 1944 in New York following the dissolution of the Young Communist League, when the founding convention

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of the American Youth for Democracy was held. According to the Informant, SEEGER entertained at that convention.

The Young Communist League and the American Youth for Democracy have been cited by the Attorney General as organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

T-9 stated he recalls that the Almanac Singers existed as a small group of three or four people in Detroit during 1942 or 1943 during which time the group usually appeared at mass meetings and was often identified with Communist functions. He recalled that the group contained a few members from New York, but he does not recall that SEEGER was among them. He stated that at one time the group was made up of three men and one girl who played a guitar, whose name he does not recall. According to Informant, the group would often utilize trade union songs and distort them with their own wording. He stated that these Singers were very popular.

Informant Detroit T-10, of known reliability, upon contact on May 22, 1951, was unable to furnish any information concerning the Subject of this case or the Almanac Singers.

ALMANAC SINGERS

On April 16, 1942 Informant Detroit T-11, another government agency conducting security investigations, stated that PETE BOWERS, c/o Almanac Singers, 133 West 44th Street, New York City, was at that time a member of Almanac Singers, a musical organization, possibly supported by the Communist Party and frequently lauded by the Daily Worker, which was traveling about the United States under the auspices of the Office of Civilian Defense entertaining civilian defense workers. According to the Informant, this organization entertained at several Communist Party meetings and at CP front organization meetings. Other members of the group were named by the Informant as JOE BOWERS, SIS CUNNINGHAM, ARTHUR STEON (possibly STERN), and BUTCH BOWERS.

It is noted that the Daily Worker is an east coast Communist publication.

Informant Detroit T-12, of known reliability, stated that the following letter bearing the inside return address, Field Hotel, Detroit, Michigan under date of July 14, 1942 had come to his attention.

"Dear Brother:

"The Almanac Singers are in Detroit now and want to sing for your local or unit.

"We're a group of young folks from all over the country who came together because we like to sing and make up songs of, by and for the plain ordinary American working people. And we've done just that for the last two years -- going back and forth and up and down across the country.

"You may have heard us sing on the radio. We sang our song "Round, Round Hitler's Grave" for the United States Government on all four networks in This Is War. We've sung for the Treasury Department and the Navy. Our songs have been shortwaved to our servicemen overseas. The British Broadcasting Company invited us to sing for them. And regularly we have been featured on CBS and NBC programs.

"You may have heard some of our phonograph records. We have made four albums so far: Sodbuster Ballads, Sea Chanties, Talking Union, and Dear Mr. President. Mrs. Roosevelt, who owns our records, has written saying that both she and the President enjoy them. One of the songs in the Talking Union album -- "You Can't Scare Me, I'm Stickin' to the Union" -- was shouted loudly by CIO goldminers of Northern Ontario as they marched down the main street of Ottawa in defiance of labor-hating Premier Hepburn's machine-guns.

"You may have heard us sing in a union hall or read about us in the labor press. In Frisco we sang for longshoremen and in Seattle for lumbermen and fishermen. We've sung for subway motormen and merchant seamen and warehouse boys in New York, furriers and harvester makers and meatpackers in Chicago, brewerymen and school teachers in Milwaukee, federal government employees in Washington, D. C., oil drillers in Texas, steel puddlers in Pittsburgh, and in Detroit first to auto workers in peace time and now to tank, bomber and gun-makers.

"The Oil Workers Organizing Committee asked us to write a couple of songs for their current campaign in Texas. They recorded our singing of them and turned out 1,000 records, some of which are now going into juke boxes here in Detroit. And the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO had us make a record last summer called "The Ballad of Harry Bridges". A West Coast seaman just in off the Pacific tells us that that record is being worn thin in all the juke boxes on the waterfront in Sydney, Australia.

"You may have heard us here in Detroit. We've been here four times now. Last year, we sang at the Ford Organizing Committee rally in Cadillac Square. Last March we were back again at the same place, singing at your Conversion-to-War-Production Rally. In April we came out to sing at two concerts at Wayne University and at the Detroit Art Institute. On all of these occasions we sang a song of ours which has become identified in our

"minds with Detroit, a song called "Jim Crow". Last March when one of America's greatest singers, Paul Robeson, sang here for the UAW, he honored us by including this song on his program.

"Then, four weeks ago, the East Side Regional Educational Conference, UAW-CIO invited us out to Detroit and we've been singing here ever since. The Detroit OCD office asked us to participate in the induction ceremonies for 3,000 air raid wardens at Roosevelt School Field on June 26th, and for the occasion we wrote a special OCD song. We've sung for Ford, Plymouth, Vickers, Murray, Dodge, Locals 174, 360, 205, 155 and lots more. And now we want to sing for you.

"Our fees for meetings like yours are regularly \$30.00 for 30 minutes singing -- with variations according to the size of the meeting and the time you want us to work. Please write or phone us at the Field Hotel, 445 Field Avenue, Fitzroy 5540.

"Give us a spot on your agenda -- preferably at the opening -- and you will be hitting the key for the meeting. Our songs increase turnouts and heighten the level of trade union consciousness and war-production morale. We want to stay here in Detroit at this arsenal of democracy "for the duration and six months". But that's up to you. You know that one good song is worth a thousand speeches.

"Yours fraternally,

"~~Arthur~~ Stern
for the Almanac Singers"

T-12 stated that the Almanac Singers had, in the above manner, appealed to the Civil Rights Federation in Detroit for engagements.

The Michigan Civil Rights Federation has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

~~Butler~~ Mr. + Mrs.
Informant Detroit T-12 stated on August 4, 1942 that JEAN LYNN ~~ROGOVIN~~, who later married JAY JORDAN ~~BUTLER~~ (former leading functionary within the Civil Rights Federation and also active in the Young Communist League according to information furnished on April 10, 1944 by Informant Detroit T-9) was a member of the Almanac Singers. Informant stated that JEAN ~~ROGOVIN~~'s home address was then 2761 University Avenue, New York City and that she had been in Detroit as a member of the Almanac Singers.

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As of October 1948, records of the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming reflected that JAY JORDON BUTLER, husband of ROGOVIN, resided at 714 South Seventh Street, Laramie, Wyoming and was employed on a graduate fellowship by the University.

Informant Detroit T-13, of questionable reliability, furnished a copy of a handbill which announced an open air meeting on Thursday, August 27, 1942, 7:30 P.M. at Milford and Vinewood Avenues, Detroit, at which the subject of discrimination against Negro women in industry was to be featured. The Informant stated that the Almanac Singers were scheduled to furnish the music at this meeting which was held under the sponsorship of the "West-Side Industrial Neighborhood Committee."

Informant Detroit T-14, of known reliability, stated that during September 1942, ~~JOHN LITTLE~~, then Organizational Secretary, District 7, CP, learned that the Almanac Singers were at that time in Detroit and believed to be staying at the Field Hotel. Informant stated that LITTLE was endeavoring to get in touch with the Almanac Singers, but that he was not aware of the purpose of LITTLE's activity in this regard.

On September 12, 1942, SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF observed when entering the Hotel Webster Hall in Detroit that members of the Almanac Singers entered a meeting which was being held in the English Room of that hotel under the direction of ~~SAM MILGROM~~, at that time a National Organizer for the International Workers Order in Detroit. It was noted that there were about 20 or 25 in attendance at the meeting. Although it was impossible to gain admittance to the meeting SA WOODRUFF observed from the lobby that one of the Almanac Singers made a speech which dealt with the fact that the Polish people must get behind a program at once calling for the immediate opening of a second front in Europe.

The International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On May 12, 1944 Informant Detroit T-15, of known reliability, stated that as of November 14, 1942 a three month combination order for the Daily and Sunday Worker (East Coast Communist publications) had been placed for these publications by the Almanac Singers, 5757 Second Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.

The February 7, 1943 issue of "The Worker" carried an article which revealed that ~~SIS (AGNES) CUNNINGHAM~~ (Mrs. GORDON ~~PRIESEN~~) was a member of a group of singers of Detroit, Michigan, known as the Almanac Singers. Her picture appeared in "The Worker" of February 7, 1943 where she

was shown playing an accordin. The article stated that the Almanac Singers had "sung their way into the hearts of the war workers of Michigan." One of the songs featured by the Almanac Singers was the "UAW-CIO Song" which was quoted in the newspaper article. These singers had made over 125 separate appearances since June 1, 1942, singing at home gatherings, union halls and mass meetings in Cadillac Square. The article stated further that all the present members of the group were comparatively new, having replaced the original singers, the members of which were depleted by the Armed Forces.

According to the above mentioned article, the group at that time consisted of ARTHUR STERN, formerly a teacher of Esthetics and art theory in New York, CHARLES POLACHEK, a Chicago actor, and "SIS" CUNNINGHAM, coming from Watonga, Oklahoma. It was stated that PETER BOWERS, who was then a Private in the Army Air Force, still advised the group and gave it inspiration.

On January 29, 1944 Informant Detroit T-16, of known reliability, stated that during January 1944, AGNES CUNNINGHAM was elected Executive Secretary of the Midtown Communist Club, District 7, CP. This Informant had previously stated that CUNNINGHAM and her husband, GORDON FRIESEN, were both active in the leadership of this club. The Informant stated that CUNNINGHAM and her husband left Detroit for New York City in 1944.

According to Informant Detroit T-17, of known reliability, CUNNINGHAM and her husband were residing as of October 1944 at 45 West 11th Street, Manhattan, New York, and her husband was then employed by the Office of War Information as a script editor in the Overseas Operations Bureau.

It might be noted that Informant Detroit T-18, of known reliability, stated that from December 1942 to May 1943 GORDON FRIESEN resided at 5757 Second Boulevard, Detroit which address is shown above as having been listed for the Almanac Singers.

On October 16, 1943 Informant Detroit T-19, of known reliability, stated that a group known as the Almanac Singers, 5757 Second Boulevard, Detroit and made up of BESS LOMAX, BUTCH HAWES, CHARLEY POLACHEK, and ARTHUR STERN, as of July 1943, had come to his attention. The Informant could furnish no further information concerning this group, except that ARTHUR STERN who had worked for a number of years on Marxist esthetics was at that time engaged in writing a bibliography of American Marxist restoration of American history and an anthology to include a collection of essays by American Marxists which would restore America's revolutionary spirit and tradition and contribute to the morale and arsenal of weapons of the people who were then allegedly engaged in "the war of national survival and liberation."

Informant stated that in this connection STERN had been in contact with DAVID McKELVEY WHITE, then Educational Director, District 7, CP, and had also sought advice from AVRAM LANDY, at that time Educational Director of New York State CP.

With further regard to ARTHUR STERN, records of the Ternstedt Division of General Motors Corporation, Detroit, reflect that as of January 1943 STERN resided at 5757 Second Boulevard, Detroit. STERN was employed by this company from May 19, 1943 to June 30, 1943. These records reflect that STERN listed the following among the places of former employment:

November 1941 to December 1941- management and organization of the Almanac Singers, 437 Sixth Avenue in New York City (also 5757 Second Boulevard, Detroit); left for financial reasons.

Informant Detroit T-16 stated on March 31, 1944 that ARTHUR STERN came to Detroit from New York City where had had been active in the Communist Party from an early age. Informant stated that STERN was actively associated with the Executive Board of the Midtown Communist Club, District 7 CP during 1943 and was also, during that period, the organizer of a cultural branch of District 7, CP, being elected as its Executive Secretary. According to the Informant, STERN left Detroit during January 1944 to reside permanently in Chicago.

Concerning CHARLES POLACHECK, formerly of Chicago, Informant Detroit T-20, of known reliability, stated that as of August 1943 this individual served as State Activities director on the Michigan State Committee of the International Workers Order and was residing in Detroit, Michigan.

During November 1943 Informant Detroit T-21, of known reliability, stated that POLACHECK then residing at 8445 East Jefferson, Detroit, was a member of the FREDERICK DOUGLASS Communist Club.

Informant Detroit T-22, of known reliability, stated on February 12, 1944 that POLACHECK had moved permanently to New York City.

As of May 1944 Mrs. G. A. SHAULES, superintendent, 19 Greenwich Avenue, New York City, stated that POLACHECK had been residing in apartment 5-A at that address for about three months.

On October 19, 1944, Informant Detroit T-16, of known reliability, stated that on October 8, 1944 a quarterly general membership meeting of the Midtown Communist Club, District 7, CP was held at the Twelve Horseman's Club, 114 Erskine Street, Detroit. Informant stated that there were about 50 or 60 members and friends of the club present at this

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meeting which opened with a program of group singing, including such songs as the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "Don't Change Horses in the Middle of the Stream." Informant noted that a book of songs written by the Almanac Singers had been placed on each chair, but that these song books were later gathered up without having been used. JAMES ANDERSON, Chairman of the meeting, announced that a new cultural committee was being formed by the Club for the purpose of teaching music plus some sort of schooling to the children of the members of the Midtown Communist Club.

On May 25, 1951 Informant Detroit T-2 stated he recalled that a Miss CUNNINGHAM represented the Almanac Singers at a Michigan State Committee meeting of the American Youth for Democracy held in 1945 or 1946. The Informant also recalled that the Almanac Singers had appeared at campaign rallies of the Progressive Party of Michigan. He could furnish no further information concerning this group.

It will be noted that Informant Detroit T-23, of known reliability, stated on February 24, 1951 that the Progressive Party of Michigan was originated by and completely controlled by Communist Party functionaries.

The Almanac Singers were cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee in its report of 1948, page 49, as a group of Communist entertainers.

Records of the Wayne County Clerk's Office, County Building, Detroit, contain no information concerning the Almanac Singers.

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T-11	ONI, 9th Naval District, Chicago, Illinois, which agency furnished information under date of 4/16/42.			
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T-13	[REDACTED]			
T-14	Waste paper coverage maintained on Communist Party headquarters, 2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.			

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T-15	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	5/12/44		SA RANDOLPH R. ROSENBAUM
T-16		1/29/44		SA RANDOLPH R. ROSENBAUM
		3/31/44		SA L. BYRON LOCKHART
		10/19/44	10/11/44	SA J.M. ARNOLD
T-17	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)			
T-18	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)			
T-19	Anonymous Source.			
T-20	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	10/8/43		SA JOHN E. KEEFE
T-21		11/8/43		SA RANDOLPH R. ROSENBAUM
T-22		2/12/44		SA L. BYRON LOCKHART
T-23		2/24/51		SA JOSEPH HYBLE

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN J. CONNOLLY, 3/28/51, New York, New York.

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TITLE PETER SEEGER, was., Pete Seeger, Pete Bowers			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PETE SEEGER entertained at State Conference on Civil Rights sponsored by Civil Rights Congress of Michigan in Detroit on April 1 and 2, 1949. Detroit sources list PETE BOWERS as having been a member of the Almanac Singers, Communist front musical organization. One source asserted that as of 1943, BOWERS, who was then in the Army Air Force, still advised this group and gave it inspiration. The Almanac Singers, who were located in Detroit during 1942 to 1943 after touring the United States, were reported to have made many appearances at union functions and mass meetings and to have sung for various branches of the United States Government over major radio networks. Communist affiliations on part of personnel of the group which was reportedly often identified with participation in Communist functions set forth.

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DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan:

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 18, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

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Re report of SA MILLER R. WEEDA, dated June 18, 1951.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, the anonymous source (T-19) used in referenced report is a photographic copy of a letter dated July 26, 1943 directed to A. LANDY, 50 East 13th, New York, New York by ARTHUR STERN, as forwarded to the Bureau by the New York Office by letter dated October 27, 1943 captioned "Almanac Singers; Internal Security - C" (Bureau file 100-29630; New York file 100-16071). According to the New York communication the above described letter was obtained on October 16, 1943 from a reliable and confidential source which had access to the offices of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, International Publishers, Incorporated, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The New York letter, a copy of which was designated for the New Haven Office, indicated that the New Haven Office was origin in a case captioned "Almanac Singers; Gramophone Records of Seditious Nature; Internal Security - C."

It is noted here that the Detroit files contain no additional information which can be identified with the following individuals who were mentioned in referenced report as former members of the Almanac Singers:

JOE BOWERS,
 BUTCH BOWERS,
 BUTCH HAWES, and
 BESS LOMAX.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 5/29/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/26, 28/51	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES M. PAGE	MAM
TITLE PETER SEEGER, was., Pete Seeger, Pete Bowers			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: According to Daily People's World, a West Coast Communist publication, PETE SEEGER, a national director of People's Songs, entertained at various functions in Los Angeles during Sept., Oct., and Nov., 1947. Subject reported as serving as an entertainer at a meeting of Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council on 2/21/51 in Los Angeles.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The September 18, 1947, edition of the Daily People's World, a West Coast Communist publication, on Page 5, Column 4 contained an article reflecting that PETE SEEGER, a national director of People's Songs, was to be one of the entertainers at a costume party to be held on September 20, 1947, at 2200 West 7th, Los Angeles, for People's Songs, Incorporated.

According to T-1, of known reliability, in August 1949, People's Songs was organized and directed by the Los Angeles County Communist Party for the purpose of providing musical parodies and militant entertainment at Communist-sponsored meetings.

The October 18, 1947, issue of the Daily People's World on Page 5, Column 6, contained an article indicating that a "Midnight" Special

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Hootenanny" would be held on October 18, 1947, at 11:00 P.M. to welcome PETE SEEGER, a national director of People's Songs to Los Angeles from the Chicago convention of People's Songs.

The Daily People's World of October 22, 1947, Page 5, Column 8, contained an article relating that PETE SEEGER would be one of a group of entertainers at a picnic on October 26, 1947, at the Valley Park Country Club held by the Southern California Chapter of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Incorporated, was cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In Page 4, Column 1, of the November 6, 1947, issue of the Daily People's World an article reflects that PETE SEEGER would lead community singing at a rally to be held November 12, 1947, by the Boyle Heights Chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America, which rally was being held to protest loyalty tests and Congressional probes.

According to the Third Report of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities for the State of California in 1947, the initial meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles was held February 11, 1947, and was actually a consolidation of the Communist fronts, the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. According to this report, the Progressive Citizens of America was founded as a frankly pro-Communist group.

On November 8, 1947, the Daily People's World on Page 4, Column 1, contained an article relating that PETE SEEGER sang at a Hallowe'en party for children of Communist workers and their friends given by the South Side and 62nd Assembly District Sections of the Communist Party.

The Communist Party, USA, was cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In February 1951, T-2, of known reliability, advised that The Weavers, a vocal quartet including PETE SEEGER, entertained at a meeting of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council at the Carp Cafe in the 7500 Block on Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles on February 20, 1951. Informant stated that invitation to this entertainment was by word-of-mouth only, inasmuch as this affair was not advertised.

T-1 advised in May of 1951 that the Southern California Chapter of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council with offices in

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Hollywood, California, is the most important Communist-dominated group in the Hollywood, California, area.

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A review of the Los Angeles indices by SA JOSEPH L. GERRY reflects that information reported in the details of this report is the only information regarding the subject which has not been previously made available to the New York Office.

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INFORMANTS

- T-1: [REDACTED], who advised SA VERNON D. JENSEN on August 22, 1949, regarding People's Songs, and on May 28, 1951, regarding the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.
- T-2: [REDACTED] who on February 23, 1951, advised SA ICEALIUS A. HALL regarding subject's appearance as an entertainer on February 20, 1951.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN J. CONNOLLY, dated March 28, 1951; at New York.

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TITLE PETER SINGER, was., Pete Scoger, Pete Rowers			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PETER SEEGER reported to have led singing at meeting of Young Progressives of Illinois on October 15, 1948 at Mandel Hall, 57th and University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Subject reported to be scheduled as a delegate of "People's Songs" and entertainer at festival at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Illinois on October 10, 1947.

DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Young Progressives of Illinois

Confidential Informant T-1, an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, advised that PETER SEEGER led the singing at a meeting sponsored by the Chicago University Branch of the Young Progressives of Illinois on October 15, 1948 at Mandel Hall, 57th and University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised in October, 1949 that the Young Progressives of America is the Youth Division of the Progressive Party in Illinois. Informant further advised that the Progressive Party of Illinois is under the control of the Communist Party and has been under the Communist control since the inception

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of the Progressive Party in Illinois.

Peoples Songs, Incorporated

The "Chicago Star" in its issue dated September 27, 1947 on page 2, columns 1 through 4, contains an article which in part describes Peoples Songs as "The service organization formed less than two years ago by leading singers and song writers to promote America's heritage."

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the ~~X~~"Chicago Star" was a weekly newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois from July 4, 1946 to September 4, 1948 which was completely Communist dominated.

The above mentioned article indicated that a national festival or conference of folk singers and writers was to be held at Hull House in Chicago from October 9 through October 12, 1947. The article indicated that 150 delegates of People's Songs from throughout the country were expected and that the group intended to plan for the future and to have a festival at Orchestra Hall in Chicago on the night of October 10, 1947.

The "Chicago Star" in its issue dated October 11, 1947, page 13, columns 3 and 4, contained a news item relative to the People's Songs festival which was to be featured by a concert on October 10, 1947. The article indicated that the first national convention of ~~V~~People's Songs, Inc., which was described as "an organization devoted to the development of folk and topical music" was holding its first annual convention at Hull House, Chicago, Illinois, from October 9 through October 11, 1947. The article indicated that outstanding folk singers and song writers would be meeting with delegates from various schools, trade unions, community groups, veterans organizations and others, for the purpose of swapping ideas and techniques as to the most effective uses of music in their organizational programs. The main theme of the convention was stated to be how to use music as a force for progress.

The article mentioned a concert to be sponsored by the delegates of People's Songs on October 10, 1947 at Orchestra Hall and indicated that the entertainers would include PETER SEEGER among others.

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T-1 This information was submitted by the Industrial Detail of the Chicago Police Department by written report dated October 16, 1948.

T-2 [] furnished this information in October, 1949 to Special Agent HERBERT C. POHLMANN and on February 6, 1951 to Special Agent WILLIAM R. HECKMAN.

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REFERENCE:

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TITLE PETER SEEGER, was. Pete Seeger, Pete Bowers			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject has appeared as entertainer at many Communist front affairs. Reflected as being instructor in School for Political Action at Washington, D. C. in 6/46. School conducted by National Citizens Political Action Committee. Informants advised SEEGER acquainted with known Communists in Washington, D. C. Communistic affiliations of subject's father and step-mother set out. Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., no pertinent additional information.

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The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflected testimony of WALTER S. STEELE regarding Communist activities in the United States before the Committee on Un-American Activities, the House of Representatives, the Eightieth Congress, on July 21, 1947. STEELE appeared in the capacity of Chairman of the National Security Committee of the American Coalition of Patriotic Civic and Fraternal Societies. He stated that in the field of newspapers, magazines, and bulletins, the Communist Red Front and Fellow Travelers are

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well represented. Some 122 of such publications have been unearthed in recent months among which is People's Songs which is published monthly by People's Songs, Incorporated of New York City. PETER SEEGER is the Director and Editor of People's Songs. Mr. STEELE stated that this organization supplied SEEGER as an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Sciences at New York City. He said that People's Songs has injected itself into the Communist front and Communist schools and many of its songs have been adopted by the National Citizens Political Action Committee; the Communist Party and its units, American Youth for Democracy, Civil Rights Congress, the Industrial Worker's Organization; and other Red fronts. Mr. STEELE further stated that PETER SEEGER was an instructor at the School for Political Action Techniques in Washington, D. C., in June of 1946 and that People's Songs produced songs used by the National Political Action Committee and the School for Political Action Techniques.

In the Congressional Record of the Seventy-Ninth Congress, Second Session, dated June 11, 1946, Congressman GEORGE ANTHONY DONDORO of Michigan stated that the School for Political Action Techniques was conducted by the National Citizens Political Action Committee at Washington, D. C. from June 26 to June 29, 1946, and among the faculty and advisers of this school is PETER SEEGER, Director of People's Songs, Incorporated. Congressman DONDORO advised that SEEGER had been formerly a member of the Almanac Singers which composed anti-American songs for the American Peace Mobilization which picketed the White House in 1941. He was of the opinion that the School of Political Action Techniques was a Communist fraud being perpetuated upon the people of Washington, D. C.; that the faculty of this school was largely composed of individuals who have rendered yeoman service to the Communist Party and its front organizations. Congressman DONDORO said that the project was an attempt to establish in Washington, D. C., a branch of the chain of Communist schools to be found throughout the country. A student's manual available to this office of outlines of courses given at the School of Political Action Techniques conducted by the National Citizens Political Action Committee at this Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., from June 26 to June 29, 1946, reflects that course number 34 was Music for Political Action which was prepared by People's Songs, Incorporated, and there were no instructors listed for this particular course.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated 1948 cited the National Citizens Political Action Committee as "typical of the completely Communist created and controlled organizations in the political association and civic committee field." People's Songs was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated 1948, as a Communist front which was incorporated January 1, 1946 in New York City. "All the productions of People's Songs, Incorporated, following the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

The People's World dated October 22, 1947 reflects that PETE SEEGER was to appear at a picnic on October 26, 1947, at the Valley Park Country Club, Los Angeles, California, to be held by the Seventh California Chapter for Yugoslavia Relief.

The American Committee for Yugoslavia Relief, Incorporated, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The February and March issues, 1947, of People's Songs, which was copywritten by People's Songs, Incorporated, listed PETER SEEGER as Editor.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflected a letterhead of the Veterans Against Discrimination of the Civil Rights Congress of New York dated May 11, 1946, announcing a mass rally to be held at Manhattan Center, New York on May 23, 1946, to abolish the Wood-Rankin Committee. PETER SEEGER appears on the list of Veteran sponsors.

The Veterans Against Discrimination of the Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Hollywood Reporter of November 3, 1947, contains an ad listed as "The Thomas-Rankin Committee Must Go" which was contributed by the Actor's Division of the Progressive Citizens of America. PETER SEEGER was listed among the signers of this ad of the acting profession.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in reports of 1947 and 1948 cited the Progressive Citizens

of America as a "new and broader front for the entire United States."

The Daily Worker of March 18, 1948, contained an announcement of the ~~Pacesetters~~ of the American Youth for Democracy that a square dance called the "Wallace Whirl" was to be held at New York City on March 19, 1948 and PETE SEEGER was to attend.

The American Youth for Democracy has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Daily Worker of March 26, 1948, contained an ad announcing People's Songs "un-American" Hootenanny. PETE SEEGER and others were to sing "subversive" songs from American history plus new hits on the present smear.

The Daily Worker of September 5, 1940, reflected that PETE SEEGER, wandering musician from Vienna, Virginia, sang at a caucus held by 250 southern delegates of the American Peace Mobilization at Chicago, Illinois, on September 1, 1940.

The American Peace Mobilization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Daily Worker of September 6, 1940, reflected that PETE SEEGER led the assembly of 1800 Washingtonians and Emergency Peace Mobilization members who met at Turner's Arena, Washington, D. C., on September 4, 1940, in a number of militant working-class songs.

The Emergency Peace Mobilization was cited as a Communist front which immediately preceded the American Peace Mobilization in 1940 by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944.

The Daily Worker of April 23, 1947, reflected that GERHART EISLER, a prominent German Communist, was to speak at a meeting called by the New Masses at New York City on April 28, 1947. PETE SEEGER, folk singer, would be among others to entertain this meeting.

New Masses was cited as a Communist front publication by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on March 29, 1944.

The Daily Worker of March 6, 1947, contained an ad of the American-Soviet Music Society presenting Choral and Folk Music of the USA and USSR to be held at New York City on March 16, 1947. PETE SEEGER would render the folk music of the USA.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, in a report dated 1948, reflected that the American-Soviet Music Society was an affiliation of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Daily Worker of March 24, 1941 reflected that at a meeting of the League of American Writers held recently, PETE BOWERS and the Almanac Singers entertained at this meeting. PETE BOWERS was described as being prepared for college at a Connecticut Preparatory School and having attended Harvard University. The article further reflected that the Almanac Singers recently completed a book of songs which they had prepared for the American Peace Mobilization.

The League of American Writers has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944, cited the Almanac Singers as "Communist entertainers."

The Daily Worker of September 21, 1946 reflected that the Jefferson School of Social Sciences, New York City, was to offer a course in music starting September 30, 1946 which included a People's Songs Workshop with one of its leaders to be PETER SEEGER.

The Jefferson School of Social Sciences has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Daily Worker of June 1, 1950 contained an ad that PETE SEEGER would sing at a Jefferson School Carnival to be held at New York City on June 3, 1950.

The October 6, 1949 issue of the Daily Worker reflected that Peoples Artists, Incorporated, were to have PETE SEEGER and the Weavers entertain at New York City on December 9, 1949.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in a report of 1948 cited Peoples Artists, Incorporated, as a Communist front.

The Daily Worker of June 20, 1949, reflected that the Young Progressives of New York were to sponsor a testimonial dinner for PETER SEEGER at New York City on June 24, 1949.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated 1949 reflected that since the 1948 convention of the Communist Party, political action has been taken to carry out a design to fully liquidate the major Communist youth front, American Youth for Democracy, which was the successor to the Young Communist League and to integrate the activities and functions of American Youth for Democracy into Young Progressives the youth section of the Communist created and controlled (independent) Progressive Party.

The Daily Worker of April 1, 1949 reflected that a new series of Anti-Franco songs will be premiered at the Joint Anti-Facist Refugee Committee Caucus-For-Peace to be held at the Manhattan Center, New York on April 4, 1949. Among others PETE SEEGER will present the new songs.

The Joint Anti-Facist Refugee Committee has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Daily Worker of November 25, 1948, reflected that PETER SEEGER was to appear at the Second Concert for Children, sponsored by the Jefferson School, at New York City on November 27, 1948.

The Daily Worker of August 24, 1948, reflected that PETER SEEGER was to appear as a singer at Yankee Stadium, New York City, on September 9, 1948 at a rally sponsored by the American Labor Party and the New York State Wallace-For-President Committee.

The American Labor Party was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in a report dated March 29, 1944. The report advised that "For years the Communists have put forth the greatest effort to capture the entire Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Section of the American Labor Party."

The Daily Worker, an East Coast Communist publication, of May 31, 1948, contained a letter with PETE SEEGER as co-signer, which reflected that he as National Chairman of People's Songs was against the Mundt Bill and stated that the rights of musicians and song writers were threatened by it.

The Daily Worker of May 13, 1948 reflected that PETER SEEGER was to appear on Music for Children sponsored by the Jefferson School and to be held at New York City on May 15, 1948.

The Daily Worker of April 30, 1948 advised that a May Day Dance and Hootenanny was to be held at New York City after the May Day Parade on May 1, 1948. Among others to be featured at this dance was PETE SEEGER.

It is to be noted that the May Day Parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength as reflected in a Special Committee on Un-American Activities report of March 29, 1944.

The Daily Worker of April 27, 1949 contained an ad which reflected that after the May Day Parade of that year a special performance was to be given in New York City in honor of the "Twelve", which referred to the twelve indicted Communist leaders. PETE SEEGER was to appear at this performance.

The Daily Worker of May 21, 1944 announced that PETE SEEGER was to appear at a rally for Greece to be held at New York City on May 28, 1947 and sponsored by the American Relief for Greek Democracy.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated 1948 cited the American Relief for Greek Democracy as a Communist front.

The Daily Worker of June 20, 1947 stated that PETE SEEGER was to entertain at the Allerton Section, Communist Party, Bronx, New York, at a housewarming to be held on June 20, 1947.

The Communist Party has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Daily Peoples World, issue of January 1, 1948, announced that PETE SEEGER, folk singer, was to appear at a Progressive Citizens of America Birthday Cabaret, to be held at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, on January 10, 1948.

The Daily Worker of June 14, 1947, reflected that PETE SEEGER was to entertain at a People's Song Picnic Hootenanny to be held at New York City on June 19, 1948.

The Daily Worker of January 29, 1948 reflected that the People's Song Book published one hundred topical and freedom songs, union and folk songs, and PETER SEEGER representing People's Songs, Incorporated was an Associate Editor. These songs included those about slavery, the French and Irish Revolutions, and the Soviet Union.

The Daily Worker of January 11, 1949 advised that People's Songs were to present at New York City on January 28 and January 29, 1949, a "free and equal Hootenanny" which will feature new songs for the twelve indicted Communist leaders and a film-strip on the Trenton Six. PETE SEEGER, of People's Songs, was listed to sing at this affair.

The Daily Worker of February 16, 1949 reflected that PETE SEEGER was to appear for a benefit for People's Songs to be held at New York City on February 17, 1949.

The Daily Worker of March 3, 1949 advised that People's Songs were to present PETE SEEGER among others at New York City on March 7, 1949.

The Daily Worker of June 11, 1950 reflected that People's Songs were to present "One World" at New York City on June 17, 1950 and PETE SEEGER was to appear.

The Daily Worker of March 6, 1949 contained an article that People's Songs, of which PETE SEEGER is a member, has re-discovered the militant singing history of labor, has appeared in picket lines, has helped publish union song books, and has rendered new songs for the labor movement and their specific union.

The P. M., issue of November 30, 1948 reflected that People's Songs, Incorporated, were to present a Hootenanny at midnight on December 13, 1947 at New York City and PETE SEEGER was to appear.

The P. M., issue of March 21, 1948, reflected that the Queens, New York Branch of the Progressive Citizens of America were to hold an affair on March 21, 1948, and PETE SEEGER was to attend.

The P. M., issue of April 18, 1948, reflected that the Intercollegiate Council Students-for-Wallace meeting to be held at New York City on April 18, 1948 was to have PETER SEEGER, folk singer, entertain.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in a report of 1949 stated that the Students-for-Wallace was a Communist front activity organized originally by the Communist front, Progressive Citizens of America.

COMMUNIST ASSOCIATIONS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Confidential informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that in May of 1949 that MIRIAM WAYBUR and MOLLIE KANAREK were in contact with each other in relation to PETER SEEGER and they indicated that they expected to be in touch with him.

Confidential informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that MOLLIE KANAREK was a member of the Communist Party in 1946.

Confidential informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that MIRIAM WAYBUR was a member of the Communist Party in the late 1930's.

Confidential informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that in May of 1947 DEWITT ELDRIDGE had indicated that PETER SEEGER

was a friend of his in New York. According to T-9, ELDRIDGE expected SEEGER to attend a social function at which ELDRIDGE would be. T-9 said that SYLVIA SOLOFF was also expected to be present at this social function.

Concerning DEWITT ~~ELDRIDGE~~, confidential informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that as of October, 1948, ELDRIDGE was identified as a member of the Communist Party. T-10 further identified SYLVIA ~~SOLOFF~~ as an active member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C.

Confidential informant T-11, of known reliability, advised that HELEN ~~FRUCHTMAN~~ and SYLVIA ~~BEITSCHER~~ were in contact with each other in May of 1947 and indicated that they might possibly see each other at BETTY HAYES' house, that PETER SEEGER was to be there, and that there was going to be a People's Songs affair. C. P.

T-10, previously mentioned, advised in 1946 that HELEN FRUCHTMAN was, as of April of 1946, a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., and had previously served as the Membership Director of the Richmond Club of the Communist Party at San Francisco, California in 1945.

T-10 further advised that SYLVIA BEITSCHER was formerly a secretary to SYDNEY ~~KATZ~~, Communist Party member in the District of Columbia and was secretary to the Committee to Re-Instate HELEN MILLER, who was fired from the Labor Department for Communist Activities.

T-10 further advised that SYLVIA BEITSCHER had been a member of and active in the American Peace Mobilization and the Washington, D. C. Committee for Democratic Action. Both organizations have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Mr. Mrs.
In 1948, Confidential informant T-6 advised that both BETTY JANE ~~HAYES~~ and her husband WILLIAM J. ~~HAYES~~ had been known to the informant as Communist Party members.

In January, 1951, Confidential informant T-12, of known reliability, advised that while informant did not know BETTY HAYES to be a member of the Communist Party, she is considered to be sympathetic to the Communist program.

Confidential informant T-13, of known reliability, advised that in January of 1947, TOMMY ~~RICHARDSON~~ and PETE SEEGER appeared to be on good terms and that PETE was very anxious to see RICHARDSON. C.P. member

Confidential informant T-12, of known reliability, advised that TOMMY RICHARDSON had indicated to him that he (RICHARDSON) had been a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential informants T-6, T-10, and T-12, were unable to comment on PETER SEEGER.

COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES ~~SEEGER~~

Confidential informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on February 17, 1941, that the name of CHARLES SEEGER, 9609 Fairway Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, appeared on the active indices of the Washington Chapter of the American Peace Mobilization in 1940. The 1940 edition of the Washington, D. C. City Directory listed one CHARLES SEEGER of 9609 Fairway Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, as Assistant to the Director of the Works Progress Administration. The 1950-51 edition of "Who's Who in America", in a biographical sketch concerning the subject's father, CHARLES LOUIS ~~SEEGER~~, indicated that from 1938 to 1940 he was Assistant to the Director, Federal Music Project, Works Progress Administration. C.P.

The American Peace Mobilization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that RUTH ~~CRAWFORD~~ ~~SEEGER~~, the subject's step-mother, and JENNIE ~~MILLER~~, the wife of ROBERT T. ~~MILLER~~, III, were quite friendly during the ~~middle~~ 1940's.

T-2 further felt that the MILLER family and the subject's father, CHARLES SEEGER, were well known to each other during the middle 1940's.

ROBERT T. MILLER, III, according to ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, self-confessed former member of the Communist Party and who was by her own admission formerly an integral part of a Soviet espionage conspiracy, was involved in a Soviet espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C. and New York City during the early 1940's and was in frequent contact with an admitted espionage agent.

Confidential informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that during 1946 ROSE ~~GREGG~~ and RUTH CRAWFORD SEEGER were acquainted. Informant stated that GREGG purported to C.P. spend the night of December 12, 1946 at the SEEGER home.

ROSE GREGG, ^{Mrs.} the wife of JOSEPH ~~GREGG~~, who has been identified by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY as being involved in a Soviet espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C. and New York City in the early 1940's, was also known to Miss BENTLEY during this period as being a dues paying member of the Communist Party.

Confidential informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that in October, 1948, RUTH CRAWFORD SEEGER was acquainted with ANNIE ~~STEIN~~, also known as Mrs. ARTHUR ~~STEIN~~.

Confidential informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that ANNIE STEIN was active in the Communist Party from 1933 to 1938.

T-6 has identified both ANNIE and ARTHUR STEIN as Communist Party members.

MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., contained no pertinent identifiable information regarding the subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1 Anonymous Source

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recontacted by SA JOHN E. HOWARD on May 5, 1951

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recontacted by SA JOHN E. HOWARD on May 5, 1951

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recontacted by SA CARL N. DETEMPLE on
May 5, 1951.

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LEAD PAGE

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A copy of this report is being sent to the Los Angeles Office for information inasmuch as they already have a lead to ascertain activities of SEEGER in Los Angeles in 1947.

It is to be noted that the subject was, according to the People's World of October 22, 1947 to attend an affair sponsored by the Southern California Chapter of the American Committee for Yugoslavia Relief.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A copy of this report is being sent to the Chicago Office for information inasmuch as they have a lead to ascertain information regarding the People's Songs Convention allegedly held during 1947 at Chicago.

It is to be noted that according to the Daily Worker, of September 5, 1940, SEEGER sang at a caucus held by the American Peace Mobilization in Chicago on September 1, 1940.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN T. CONNOLLY dated March 28, 1951, at New York, entitled, "PETER SEEGER, was, Pete Seeger, Pete Bowers, SECURITY MATTER - C."

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TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: June 24, 1960

FROM : *end* Legat, London (100-2101)SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a confidential classification by

[redacted] is designated as T-1 in the enclosure.

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Regarding PAUL PIERRE ENDICOTT, he is reported to be subject's manager and planned to visit the United Kingdom. [redacted] advised that no record of his arrival has been found.

[redacted] stated that no information has been received indicating SEEGER has visited the United Kingdom and there is some indication he may have given up the idea of traveling to England in 1960.

As there are no further leads outstanding, this case is being placed in an RUC status. [redacted] is aware of our interest in subject however, and this will be re-opened upon receipt of additional information from [redacted]

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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PETER SEEGER

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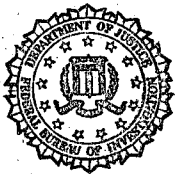
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SEEGER (Title I, p. 41)

It is now anticipated that this case will be called in the first week of June 1960 for the setting of a trial date.

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Information included in Internal Security Division Bi-Monthly Status Report ~~for~~ as of April 30, 1960.

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To: SAC, Kansas City

From: Director, FBI

DR. CHESTER SPRING WILLIAMS

Applicant

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
Organization

Paris, France

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Reurlet 5-17-60 entitled "Dr. Chester S.
Williams, LEUN."

Information has been received from CSC that
captioned individual is applicant for position with UNESCO
and is under investigation by CSC. In light of this, you
are requested to immediately set out available pertinent
information concerning applicant in a letterhead memorandum
suitable for dissemination to other Government agencies.
Submit letterhead memorandum to reach Bureau by June 3, 1960.

For your information, Bureau files contain no
information identifiable with Williams.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Bland

1 - 100-200845 (Pete Seeger)

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Airtel to Kansas City
RE: DR. CHESTER SPRING WILLIAMS

NOTE:

According to Kansas City letter 5-17-60, Williams, born 12-23-18, is Professor of Education, University of Wichita. He told University officials he is life-long friend of Pete Seeger and contemplates being character witness for Seeger in U. S. Court (Seeger, Security Index subject, is prominent communist guitarist and singer who is under indictment, U. S. District Court, New York, for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions before HCUA. 100-200845) In March, 1960, Williams organized Music Society consisting of self and wife which sponsored Seeger's appearance 3-6-60 at University of Wichita. At meeting of Society of Arts in Guitar (which refused Williams' request to sponsor Seeger), Williams appeared to be in drunken condition and allegedly made derogatory comments about late Senator McCarthy, expressed opposition to loyalty oaths and voiced opposition to FBI's alleged investigations of teachers and others who do not want to sign noncommunist statements. Williams reportedly studied education in Russia within last few years and in a course at University of Oklahoma on rearing children, he reportedly stated the gifted child should be turned over to the State for proper education. Additional information received by Kansas City Office indicates Williams contemplates trip to Russia in near future. Upon receipt of letterhead memorandum from Kansas City, information on Williams will be disseminated to CSC and State Department. Fred Erwin, Executive Secretary, International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, CSC, advised 5-23-60 that Williams, born 12-23-18 at Boston, Massachusetts, is under consideration for employment with UNESCO in Paris and is under investigation by CSC's Investigations Division.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/19/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, AKA
SM-C
OO: NEW YORK

Re WFO letter to Bureau, dated 4/28/60,
advising that this office will follow the subject's
case at the Passport Office.

On May 10, 1960, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER,
Passport Office, United States Department of State,
furnished SA KENNETH J. HASER with a copy of a letter
dated 5/5/60 which had been directed to the subject's
attorney, LEONARD B. BOUDIN, 25 Broad Street, New York,
New York, by the Passport Office. This letter reads
as follows:

"Dear Mr. BOUDIN:

"In view of the specific nature of the
Court's order issued in August, 1959 in
the PETER SEEGER matter as outlined in our
letter of April 20, 1960 I believe you should
furnish a similar order or one more general
in nature. I do not believe we should embroil
ourselves with the question whether the
offense is a misdemeanor rather than a
felony.

"In short, please submit the order and
we will remove the time limitation from
Mr. SEEGER's passport and forward it to
you.

"Sincerely,

"ROBERT D. JOHNSON
General Counsel
Passport Office"

WFO will follow subject's case and advise the
Bureau and the New York Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 4/28/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
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(OO: NY)

On 4/21/60, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Passport Office, Department of State, furnished SA KENNETH J. HASER with copies of the following which are contained in the subject's passport file.

The first is a memorandum for subject's passport file from Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, General Counsel, Passport Office, dated 4/20/60. It reads as follows:

"On April 18, 1960, about 10:45 a.m., Mr. LEONARD B. BOUDIN, a New York attorney, telephoned. He stated he was in town (Washington, D.C.) on some business in the Supreme Court.

"He inquired about the extension of the passport issued to Mr. SEEGER mentioning that it had been limited for a one year period or until October 10, 1959 because SEEGER was out on bail - contempt of Congress charge.

"He said that the passport had been issued after SEEGER had obtained court permission to leave its jurisdiction. Mr. BOUDIN wanted to know if we could remove the restriction entirely.

"I told him I would look into the matter and let him know.

"After reviewing the file (4/20/60) we will request Mr. BOUDIN to obtain the court's permission to allow SEEGER to leave its jurisdiction or to remove the travel restriction entirely."

The second communication is a letter directed to subject's attorney, LEONARD B. BOUDIN, 25 Broad Street, New York City, dated 4/20/60. This letter reads as follows:

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1 - WFO

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WFO 100-23658

"Dear Mr. BOUDIN:

"I have reviewed the PETER SEEGER matter pursuant to your telephone conversation of a few days ago.

"Judge WILLIAM B. HERLANDS, U.S. District Court, Southern District, New York, on August 10, 1959 signed an order permitting Mr. SEEGER to depart from the court's jurisdiction and to travel abroad within the United Kingdom from September 25, 1959 to October 9, 1959, inclusive. The order further provided that Mr. SEEGER was to appear with counsel at the Office of the U.S. Attorney on October 10, 1959 at 10:30 a.m.

"I believe that to delete the time limitation placed in Mr. SEEGER's passport in accordance with Judge HERLAND's order you should submit a certified copy of an order vacating or modifying the restriction against his leaving the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Upon receipt of this order we can take appropriate steps to extend the passport.

"Sincerely,

"ROBERT D. JOHNSON
"General Counsel
"Passport Office"

WFO will follow subject's case and advise the Bureau and New York Office.

1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Coakley

Legat, London (100-2101)

April 20, 1960

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Director, FBI (100-200845) - 66

PETER SIEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re London letter 4-7-60.

Enclosed for London are three copies of a memorandum concerning background and subversive information regarding Paul Pierre Endicott.

Enclosed for New York and Detroit is a copy of referenced London letter. Any information developed regarding the anticipated or actual travel plans of subject or Endicott should be forwarded to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

Enclosures (3)

2 - New York (100-83801) (Enclosure)

2 - Detroit (100-9150) (Enclosure)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on Security Index. Endicott is business manager of subject. Endicott's Security Index card canceled February, 1958. [redacted] furnished information indicating that subject plans travel to England in late 1960 or early 1961. Endicott reportedly plans to visit England at some unspecified date.

[redacted] Endicott, who resides in Garden City, Michigan.

Enclosed memorandum classified "Confidential" as it contains information which if disclosed could possibly identify confidential informants and sources.

1 - 100-294372 (Endicott)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Coakley

~~100-200-845-66~~
April 19, 1960

PAUL PIERRE ENDICOTT

Endicott was born March 28, 1919, in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from New York University in 1940, having majored in accounting. His last known residence was 30532 Sheridan Road, Garden City, Michigan.

He was identified as a member of the Young Communist League in 1943 and as a member of the American Youth for Democracy from 1943 to 1945. He reportedly held membership in the Communist Political Association in 1944 and was press director of a Communist Party club in Detroit in 1945. He was reportedly active in the Communist Party in New York in 1947 and 1948 and transferred his Communist Party membership back to Detroit in 1948. He was further identified as a Communist Party member in 1950 and again in 1954. From 1948 to 1956 he took part in the activities of Communist Party front groups, such as the Civil Rights Congress; Labor Youth League; International Workers Order; and the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

All of the organizations referred to above have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: April 7, 1960

FROM : *camp* Legat, London (100-2101)SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO: NEW YORK

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Remylet November 18, 1959.

On April 1, 1960 [redacted]

[redacted] has received conflicting reports from secret and reliable sources about a further visit by subject to England. According to one report Seeger proposes to come to England in November, 1960 but according to another any visit on his part is out of the question until after February, 1961. [redacted] stated that from [redacted] it appeared that SEEGER's trial had been postponed and this is probably the reason his future plans are uncertain.

[redacted] has also learned from the same *Eng.* secret and reliable sources that SEEGER's manager, PAUL ENDICOTT, plans to visit the United Kingdom at some unspecified date. [redacted]

From previous information furnished to the Bureau ENDICOTT's address was given as 30532 Sheridan, Garden City, Michigan.

It is requested the Bureau advise if any information has been received concerning possible travel in the future on the part of SEEGER and also furnish any information available concerning ENDICOTT.

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3 - Bureau

(1 - New York, 100-83801)

1 - London (100-2101)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGuire *llm*DATE: *2/29/60*FROM : W. G. Eames *WGE*

SUBJECT:

PETER SEEGER

The attached ~~X H.R. 477~~ *86th Congress 2nd Session* has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

The enclosure, if bulky and not usually filed with other papers in file, may be detached but this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

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86TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 477

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Clerk of the House to appear
in answer to a subpoena of the United States
District Court for the Southern District of
New York.

By **Mr. McCORMACK**

March 15, 1960

Considered and agreed to

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86TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 477

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 1960

Mr. McCORMACK submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Whereas, in the case of United States of America against Peter Seeger (criminal case numbered C-152-240), pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, a subpoena duces tecum was issued by the said court and addressed to Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives, directing him to appear as a witness before said court at 10:30 o'clock antemeridian on the 21st day of March 1960, and to bring with him certain and sundry papers in the possession and under the control of the House of Representatives: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That by the privileges of this House no evi-
- 2 dence of a documentary character under the control and in
- 3 the possession of the House of Representatives can, by the
- 4 mandate of process of the ordinary courts of justice, be taken

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1 from such control or possession but by its permission; be
2 it further

3 *Resolved*, That when it appears by the order of the
4 court or of the judge thereof, or of any legal officer charged
5 with the administration of the orders of such court or judge,
6 that documentary evidence in the possession and under the
7 control of the House is needful for use in any court of justice,
8 or before any judge or such legal officer, for the promotion
9 of justice, this House will take such action thereon as will
10 promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges
11 and rights of this House; be it further

12 *Resolved*, That Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House,
13 be authorized to appear at the place and before the court
14 named in the subpoena duces tecum before mentioned, but
15 shall not take with him any papers or documents on file in
16 his office or under his control or in possession of the House
17 of Representatives; be it further

18 *Resolved*, That when said court determines upon the
19 materiality and the relevancy of the papers and documents
20 called for in the subpoena duces tecum, then the said court,
21 through any of its officers or agents, have full permission to
22 attend with all proper parties to the proceeding, and then
23 always at any place under the orders and control of this
24 House, and take copies of any documents or papers and the
25 Clerk is authorized to supply certified copies of such docu-

1 ments or papers in possession or control of said Clerk that
2 the court has found to be material and relevant (except that
3 under no circumstances shall any minutes or transcripts of
4 executive sessions of committees, or confidential papers,
5 documents, or files of the House of Representatives, or any
6 evidence of witness in respect thereto, be disclosed or copied)
7 and which the court or other proper officer thereof shall de-
8 sire, so as, however, the possession of said documents and
9 papers by the said Clerk shall not be disturbed, or the same
10 shall not be removed from their place of file or custody under
11 the said Clerk; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted
13 to the said court as a respectful answer to the subpoena afore-
14 mentioned.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 2/18/60	Investigative Period 1/12/60 - 2/8/60
TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER aka		Report made by WILLIAM D. NEUMANN	Typed By: 11

CHARACTER OF CASE

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ANS. BY: *7/10/63*

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ANS. BY: *help*

REFERENCES:

NY report of SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY, dated 2/18/59, and Legat, London letter to Bureau, dated 4/4/59, with enclosed memorandum.

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.**

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Referenced Legat, London letter to Bureau in which certain information concerning the subject's visit to the United Kingdom was set forth in a letterhead memorandum. This memorandum was classified "Secret" and contained information furnished by [redacted]

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[redacted] requested that dissemination of this information not be made outside the Bureau.

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CC 10: *2-7-60*

BY: *Word for*
ANS: *Word for*

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Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent In Charge

Copies made:

- 4-Bureau (100-200845) (RM)
- 1-US Attorney, *NEW YORK*
- 3-New York (100-83801)

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The afore mentioned information indicated that subject arrived in the United Kingdom on September 26, 1959, and departed the United Kingdom for New York City on October 19, 1959. [] stated that upon arrival SEEGER advised he was to go on series of concerts and his tour in the United Kingdom was sponsored by "Ballads and Blues Association", characterized by [] as an Communist inspired music organization.

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[] continued that SEEGER gave concerts in Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham and Glasgow and was very successfully received. according to the London Daily Worker. [] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [] related that SEEGER may return to the United Kingdom for further concerts in 1960.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the United States Attorney's Office, SDNY pursuant to the request of AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY.

AUSA MC GAULEY, by separate letter dated as above, has been advised that this report is for his information only, that it contains both admissible and inadmissible evidence and that witnesses to the information therein, are not necessarily available for testimony.

He was also advised that the report should not be introduced in any proceedings in connection with proceedings of the contempt case of SEEGER.

The sources used for the documentation of the Trade Union Committee, 1959, May Day Celebration, in the order of their appearance are: [] and []

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The following informants were contacted with negative results in January, 1960:

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INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

File Where Located

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At New York, New York

The NYO will keep the Bureau advised of the pending contempt of Congress proceedings against the subject.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)

information furnished by NY T-2 could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject has been indicted for contempt of Congress, proceedings are pending against him.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

On 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion Mother BLOOR in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR. 2/19/58 at NY). On 4/30/53, former [redacted] who has furnished

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HUCA (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 18, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. NY 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William D. Neumann, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

The informants mentioned in referenced communication have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-US Attorney, SDNY RM

Report of: WILLIAM D. NEUMANN
Date: 2/18/60

Office: New York, New York

File Number: New York 100-83801

Bureau 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

As of February 8, 1960, PETER SEEGER resided at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY and is self employed as an entertainer. On 1/25/60, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised that a firm date of 3/21/60, had been set for the contempt of Congress trial in the case of the US versus PETER SEEGER. Subject issued passport number 1780911 on 9/8/59, for proposed travel to the United Kingdom between 9/25/59 and 10/9/59, for purpose of concert engagements. In April, 1959, a source furnished information that at a NY County CP meeting held on 4/9/59, it was mentioned that subject would take charge of the "Cultural Program" of the forthcoming May Day Celebration. The "National Guardian" carried an advertisement reflecting that subject would entertain aboard the "Guardian Boat Ride" on 6/12/59. Subject entertained at a meeting of the Committee of First Amendment Defendants 11/5/59, in NYC. Certain informants familiar with some aspects of CP activity in the NYC area advised in January, 1960, that they had no information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS:

The organizations not documented in the details of this report will be located in the appendix hereto.

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On February 8, 1960, NY T-1 advised that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

Employment

On February 8, 1960, NY T-1 advised that the subject is self employed as an entertainer, singing folk songs, and occasionally gives music lessons at his home.

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS
PROCEEDINGS PENDING
AGAINST THE SUBJECT

The July 26, 1956 issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker", daily newspaper published at Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Springs Road, Beacon, New York, a singer of American ballads was among persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for contempt.

This article stated that SEEGER, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City as it investigated Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

On March 26, 1957, Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against PETER SEEGER. On May 21, 1957, BJORK stated that

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that SEEGER had been arraigned on April 1, 1957, and released on \$1,000.00 bail. On February 25, 1958, BJORK said the case of SEEGER had been marked off the United States court calendar.

On August 7, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised that on August 4, 1959, he placed the case of the United States versus PETER SEEGER for contempt of Congress on the court calendar. He said the trial was set to commence on October 15, 1959.

Assistant United States Attorney MC GAULEY advised on October 26, 1959, that subject's trial was postponed until the latter part of October because of the unavailability of certain witnesses.

* On January 25, 1960, Assistant United States Attorney MC GAULEY stated that a firm date of March 21, 1960, had been set for the contempt of Congress trial in the case of the United States versus PETER SEEGER.

III. PASSPORT DATA AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Passport files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, were made available to SA KENNETH J. HASER on September 29, 1959, by Mr. JAMES BROOKS, Passport Legal Division, and reflected the following information:

PETER SEEGER was issued passport number 1780911 on September 8, 1959, limited to expire on October 10, 1959, for proposed travel to the United Kingdom between September 25, 1959 and October 9, 1959, for the purpose of concert engagements. In his application, dated August 26, 1959, at Poughkeepsie, New York, SEEGER stated that he intended to depart from Idlewild Airport about September 25, 1959, via Pan American Airways. He stated he was not

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travelling by organized tour and expected to take another trip abroad within the next two years. This passport was valid for all countries except Albania, Bulgaria and those portions of China, Korea and Viet Nam under Communist control.

This file further reflected that on September 8, 1959, the Office of Security, United States Department of State, New York City, New York received a copy of a court order dated, August 20, 1959, signed by Southern District Judge WILLIAM B. HURLANDS, permitting subject to depart from the jurisdiction of the Southern District of New York and travel to the United Kingdom from September 25, 1959 to October 9, 1959, inclusive, for the purpose of conducting his usual professional activities.

On October 5, 1959, Mr. ARCH LEONARD, Traffic Director, Pan American Airways, Idlewild Airport, New York City, advised that PETER SEEGER departed for London, England, on Flight 100, Deluxe, Pan American Airways, on September 25, 1959 at 9:30 p.m.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SUBJECT

In April, 1959, NY T-2 furnished information reflecting that at the New York County Communist Party (CP) Committee meeting held on April 9, 1959, at Adelphi Hall, New York City, it was mentioned that PETER SEEGER would take charge of the "Cultural Program" of the forthcoming May Day Celebration.

The CP, United States of America, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "National Guardian", June 15, 1959 issue, page ten, column one and two, carried an advertisement stating that PETER SEEGER will entertain aboard the "Guardian Boat Ride" leaving Pier 83, New York City, New York on June 12, 1959, at 7:00 p.m.

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On May 29, 1959, NY T-3 furnished information indicating that the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is indebted to the subject for the amount of \$269.76. NY T-3 was unable to furnish the basis for this indebtedness.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-4 advised in November, 1959, that PETER SEEGER entertained with several folk songs at a meeting of the Committee of First Amendment Defendants, which was held on November 5, 1959, at the New York Center, West 46th Street, New York City, New York.

NY T-5 furnished information on November 4, 1959, that on October 22, 1959, at a meeting to further the work of the "Morning Freiheit" held at the Fenway Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, it was announced that a concert by PETE SEEGER would be held at the public hall, Music Room, Cleveland, Ohio on November 13, 1959.

Certain informants familiar with some aspects of CP activity in the New York City area advised in January, 1960, that they had no information concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE OF FIRST AMENDMENT DEFENDENTS

The "National Guardian" of November 2, 1959, page five, columns three and four, reported that a new civil liberties group, Committee of First Amendment Defendents, would hold a mass meeting in support of thirty defendants who faced jail or trial because of their resorting to the First Amendment in appearance before investigating committee. The meeting was to be held at the New York Center, 227 West 46th Street, New York City, November 5, 1959, at 8:00 p.m.

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit:"

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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APPENDIX

TRADE UNION COMMITTEE 1959
MAY DAY CELEBRATION

On November 13, 1958, a confidential source advised that during a meeting of the State Staff of the New York State Communist Party (CP) held on November 13, 1958, at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, the question of May Day was raised. It was decided that they should start early and named LOUIS WEINSTOCK to be in charge of the committee to lay the foundation.

The February 22, 1959, issue of "The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly publication, on page 16, announced a conference for March 7, 1959, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for May Day plans. The announcement states "commemoration of May Day is being planned by a group of trade unionists it was disclosed last week by the Sponsoring Committee for a May Day Celebration."

The March 15, 1959, issue of "The Worker," on page 5, contained an article concerning the above conference reflecting that May Day would be celebrated in Union Square and that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was elected Chairman of the Committee.

On April 22, 1959, another confidential source made available a throw-away announcing that May Day would be celebrated on May 2, 1959, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Union Square under the sponsorship of the Trade Union Committee 1959 May Day Celebration, Room 3, 130 East 16th Street, New York City.

On December 9, 10, 1958, another confidential source advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was then a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA (CP), representing the New York District of the CP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/4/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
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Re NY letter to the Bureau, dated 1/27/60.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of Friday, 1/29/60, on page 10, column 8, carries an article stating that Judge EDWARD WEINFELD ruled yesterday in US District Court that PETER SEEGER of Beacon, NY indicted for contempt of Congress, has a right to subpoena Representative FRANCIS E. WALTER. DIC

This article continued by saying, in part, Judge WEINFELD issued a brief decision stating that under the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution, a defendant accused of a crime is guaranteed the right to compel the attendance of witnesses.

NY will continue to follow and advise the Bureau of the proceedings in this case.

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(2-100-241970)(ELLIOTT SULLIVAN)
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1 - New York (100-106209)(MARTIN YARUS)(424)
1 - New York (100-83801)(PETER SEEGER)(414)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1/27/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

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SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER aka
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ReNYlet to the Bureau, dated 12/31/59, captioned
"MARTIN YARUS aka; SM-C".

On 1/25/60, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised
SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN that a firm date for the Contempt of Congress
trial has been set for March 21, 1960, in the cases of US vs.
MARTIN YARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER and US vs. ELLIOTT SULLIVAN.

MC GAULEY stated that Federal District Judge EDWARD
WEINFELD reserved judgment on a motion entered by the USA's
office on 1/25/60 to quash papers served on Representative
FRANCIS WALTER requiring his appearance as a witness at instant
trial.

The Bureau will be advised of the proceedings in
this case.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/2/59

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI

SUBJECT: PETE SEEGER

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September 23, 1957

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- (1) American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, March 1, 1949, page 7
- (2) American Committee for Yugoslav Relief -- participant in dinner program, October 24, 1946 -- testimony before Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, September 8, 1949, page 543
- (3) American Folksay Group -- member -- Daily Worker, March 9, 1949, page 12
- (4) American Folksay Group -- member -- Worker, March 5, 1950, page 8
- (5) American-Soviet Music Society -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, March 15, 1947, page 8
- (6) American Youth Congress -- song leader at meeting -- leaflet, February 7-9, 1941
- (7) American Youth for Democracy -- entertainer at vets conference -- Daily Worker, May 24, 1946, page 8
- (8) Brooklyn Professional Committee for Democratic China -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, May 6, 1946, page 8
- (9) Camp Kinderland -- entertainer in 1947 or 1948 -- testimony before House Committee, July 25, 1955, p. 1332
- (10) Civil Rights Congress -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, February 3, 1949, page 7
- (11) Committee for a Cultural Salute to Paul Robeson -- sponsor of meeting -- New York Journal American, May 12, 1954
- (12) Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy -- participant -- letterhead and program, June 8, 1949
- (13) Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy -- entertainer -- Worker, October 1, 1950, page 2
- (14) Committee for the First Amendment -- member -- People's Daily World, October 29, 1947, page 3
- (15) Committee for the Negro in the Arts -- participated in play -- Daily Worker, October 20, 1949, page 7
- (16) Communist Party -- refused to answer questions concerning membership -- House Committee report, August 18, 1955, pages 2448-2460

(17) Communist Party -- entertainer at benefit supper -- Daily Worker, March 23, 1946, page 6

(18) Communist Party, Cultural Division -- performer after May Day parade -- Daily Worker, April 28, 1949, page 7

(19) Communist Party, Lower East Side Youth Section -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, February 17, 1949, page 7

(20) Communist Party, New York State Youth Board -- participant -- Daily Worker, February 22, 1949, page 7

(21) Council on African Affairs -- entertainer, June 6, 1946 -- New York Teacher News, May 25, 1946, page 2

(22) Emergency Civil Liberties Committee -- participant in conference -- leaflet, January 30, 1957

(23) Group of Japanese Americans -- guest of -- Daily Worker, February 17, 1949, page 7

(24) Highlander Folk School -- singer at 25th anniversary celebration -- official program, August 30-September 2, 1957

(25) Jefferson School of Social Science -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, May 21, 1946, page 8

(26) Jefferson School of Social Science -- instructor -- testimony of Walter Steele before House Committee, July 21, 1947, page 49

(27) Jefferson School of Social Science -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, June 1, 1950, page 8

(28) Jefferson School of Social Science -- signer of statement supporting right to teach Marxism -- statement, June 24, 1954

(29) May Day, 1950 -- entertainer at jamboree -- Worker, April 30, 1950, page 32

(30) Metropolitan Music School -- performer -- program, June 12, 1954

(31) Metropolitan Music School -- faculty member -- catalog, 1954-1955, page 26

(32) National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions -- participant in play -- Daily Worker, October 20, 1949, page 7

(33) Nature Friends of America -- entertainer at rally to defeat the Mundt Bill -- Worker, April 16, 1950, page 8

(34) New Drama -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, February 17, 1949, page 7

(35) New Masses -- contributor -- New Masses, July 16, 1946, page 7

(36) New York Committee for Protection of Foreign Born -- sponsor -- letterhead, May 1955

(37) People's Artists -- entertainer -- Worker, June 30, 1946, page 5

(38) People's Artists -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, October 28, 1949, page 7

(39) People's Artists -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, March 20, 1950, page 6

(40) People's Artists -- speaker at meeting of -- Daily Worker, May 19, 1950, page 10

(41) People's Artists -- entertainer -- announcement -- June 19, 1954

(42) People's Artists -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, January 14, 1955, page 7

(43) People's Artists -- contributor to Sing Out -- Daily Worker, August 24, 1956, page 7

(44) People's Drama Theatre -- performer -- Worker, April 2, 1950, page 9

(45) People's Songs -- Executive secretary -- People's Songs, February 1946

(46) People's Songs -- national director -- People's Songs, September 1947

(47) People's Songs -- sent birthday greetings to -- People's Songs, February-March 1948

(48) People's Songs -- chairman of national staff -- People's Songs, February 1949

(49) Progressive Citizens of America -- member of actors' division -- Hollywood Reporter, November 3, 1947, page 15

(50) Progressive Citizens of America -- entertainer for -- Daily Worker, April 5, 1948, page 12

(51) Progressive Party of Massachusetts -- entertainer at conference -- leaflet, January 9, 1949

(52) School for Political Action Technique -- instructor -- official catalog, June 26-29, 1946

(53) Schrean Great Camp -- entertainer -- Worker, April 23, 1950, page 10

(54) Sing Out -- entertainer -- announcement, September 22, 1956

(55) Sing Out -- entertainer -- announcement, June 21, 1957

(56) Stop Rankin Meeting -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, May 6, 1946, page 5

(57) Swapping Song Fair -- entertainer -- National Guardian, March 19, 1956, page 10

(58) United Office and Professional Workers of America, Local 16 -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, February 17, 1949, page 7

(59) Testimonial Concert "Bound for Glory" for Woodie Guthrie -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, March 13, 1956, page 6

(60) Veterans against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York -- veteran sponsor -- letterhead, May 13, 1946

(61) Voice of Freedom Committee -- participated in play -- Daily Worker, October 20, 1949, page 7

(62) Westchester Puckskill Committee -- participant in concert -- Daily Worker, March 21, 1950, page 8

(63) Wingdale Lodge -- entertainer -- letter, September 2-5, 1955

(64) Win-the-Peace Conference -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, May 6, 1946, page 8

(65) Young People's Record Club -- singing recorder -- leaflet, September 1948

(66) Young Progressives -- participant in Wallace rally -- Daily Worker, October 18, 1948, page 7

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/14/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.
SM - C

Re Legat, London letter to the Bureau dated 11/4/59 with attached letterhead memorandum; NY letter to the Bureau dated 10/27/59, both entitled as above; and NY letter to the Bureau dated 10/30/59, entitled, "MARTIN YARUS, aka; SM - C."

A review of subject's file and the indices of the NYO fail to reflect any information concerning LUCY SEEGER, a resident of Leiden, Holland, who was contacted by subject in the United Kingdom in September or October, 1959.

On 12/4/59, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN that a Bill of Particulars had been furnished to subject's attorney in the case of the U.S. versus PETER SEEGER.

MC GAULEY added that the trial is set for January, 1960, with no date specified as yet.

The Bureau will be advised of the proceedings in this case.

- 2 - Bureau (100-200845) (RM)
1 - New York (100-83801)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: November 18, 1959

FROM : Legat, London (100-2101)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C
OO: NEW YORK

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Original and five copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a Secret classification by

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is being designated as T-1 in the enclosure. The information contained in enclosure indicates according to tentative plans for subject's appearances at various cities in the United States. states this itinerary of SEEGER's was obtained from a highly delicate and reliable source and because of the delicacy he requests that this information not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

This case will be kept in a pending status awaiting Bureau reply concerning information requested in referenced letter on LUCY SEEGER.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 18, 1959

RE: PETER SEEGER

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on November 10, 1959, that prior to SEEGER's departure from the United Kingdom for New York City on October 19 he listed the following as dates for public appearances he was going to give in the United States:

October 17, 1959	Luncheon at Cleveland, Ohio, to meet community leaders and appear on local television.
December 23 or 28, 1959	Concert at Carnegie Hall to raise money and publicize "the School." Other people appearing on this program are a group of young colored people, the Montgomery Singers and either MARTIN LUTHER KING or the Rev. SOLOMON SEAY, the latter being the executive secretary of the Montgomery Improvement Association. Plans for this occasion are being made by GUY CARAWAN and it is hoped that when the Montgomery Singers arrive in New York they will be met by Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and Dr. RALPH BUNCHE.
February 15, 1960	Television commercial program - Music 60 - from Toronto.
February 20, 1960	Concert in Toronto
Date unknown	Address on civil liberties to the "Y" at Miami University.

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Date Forw. *12-4-59*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: November 4, 1959

FROM : *CLUB*
Wm Legat, London (100-2101)SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO: New York

Re New York letterhead memorandum 10/5/59.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [redacted] Director, FBI (100-200845)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Legal Attache, Ottawa

October 27, 1959

Director, FBI (105-63242)

phs
MARGARET SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated 10-16-59, captioned "Peter Seeger, Security Matter - C." near File 100-0-1183. which enclosed [redacted]

Enclosed are two Photostats of a letterhead memorandum dated 4-2-58 and two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 4-21-59 regarding captioned subject.

The subject is commonly known as Peggy Seeger, and is a folk singer. She is a half sister of Peter Seeger. [redacted]

Any pertinent information developed regarding subject's activities in Canada should be forwarded to the Bureau.

For your information, Los Angeles is office of origin regarding subject.

Enclosures (4) FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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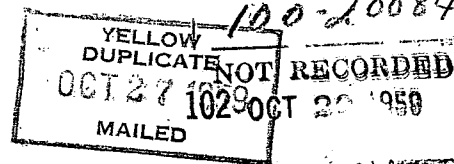
By relet Legat, Ottawa, [redacted]

Enclosed memoranda contains background and subversive data regarding subject. She is not the SI, attended Sixth World Youth Festival in Moscow 1957, and has been living in England recently.

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SEEGER (Title I, p. 41)

On January 4, 1960, the case will be before the District Court for the assignment of a trial judge and the setting of a trial date. It will be tried jointly with Sullivan (p. 38) and Tyne (p. 39).

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Information included in Internal Security Division Bi-Monthly Status Report for as of October 31, 1959.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/27/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
SM - C

Re NYlet to Bureau dated 10/5/59, with letterhead memorandum attached, concerning subject's travel abroad.

AUSA LAWRENCE P. McGAULEY advised SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN on 10/26/59 that subject's contempt of Congress trial, set for 10/15/59, was postponed until 10/30/59 because of the unavailability of an essential witness, to wit, Representative FRANCIS WALTER (D - Pa.)

McGAULEY further stated that it was unlikely that the trial in question will come to court for several weeks because of the inability of his office to locate Congressman WALTER.

Liaison will be maintained with AUSA McGAULEY, and the Bureau will be promptly advised of developments in this matter.

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Date: 10-16-59

To: Director, FBI

(Bufile : 100-200845)

Attention : _____

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

(100-0-1183)

Title PETER SEEGER.	Character SM - C Reference No prior correspondence
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Enclosed are the following

Remarks:

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Dissemination

- ☐ May be made as received
☒ May be made as indicated by stamp on enclosure
☐ May not be made without further clearance with RCMP

Following offices would be interested in receiving copies of enclosures:

WFO

Status with this office:

- ☒ RUC
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/5/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER aka
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re New York letters to the Bureau dated 6/1/59, 8/7/59, and 8/31/59, and enclosed memorandum.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the subject.

Concerning the subject's contempt of Congress trial set for 10/15/59, liaison is being maintained with AUSA MC GAULEY. The Bureau will be furnished with information concerning the outcome of this trial.

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1 - New York (100-83801)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
October 5, 1959

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

On August 7, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence P. McGauley advised that on August 4, 1959, he placed the case of The United States versus Peter Seeger on the court calendar. He said a trial is set to commence on October 15, 1959, before Federal District Judge James Van Pelt Bryan for contempt of Congress, in that Seeger was cited by the House of Representatives for contempt when in August, 1955, he declined to answer some questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City, which was investigating Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

McGauley stated that on August 4, 1959, the subject's attorney filed a notice of motion for permanent extension of bail, as the subject was planning a trip to the United Kingdom from September 25, 1959, through October 12, 1959. He said the government would oppose this motion which was returnable on August 10, 1959.

On August 31, 1959, McGauley advised that the aforementioned motion was partially granted by Judge Bryan on August 10, 1959, requiring that the subject report to the United States Attorney's office on October 10, 1959, rather than on October 12, 1959, as originally requested in said motion.

On September 29, 1959, Mr. James Brooks, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, United States Department of State, furnished subject's passport file which reflected the following information:

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DATE FORW. 10-14-61
HOW FORW. 960-7
BY M. J. [unclear]

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Agency State, CIA, London
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Date Forw. 10-12-59
How Forw. 960-7
By [unclear]
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100-200845-55

ENCLOSURE

Re: Peter Seeger

Peter Seeger was issued passport number 1780911 on September 8, 1959, limited to expire on October 10, 1959, for proposed travel to the United Kingdom between September 25, 1959, and October 9, 1959, for the purpose of concert engagements. In Seeger's application dated August 26, 1959, at Poughkeepsie, New York, he stated that he intended to depart from Idlewild Airport about September 25, 1959, via Pan American Airways.

Subject stated in his passport application that he was not traveling by organized tour and that he expected to take another trip abroad in the next two years.

On October 5, 1959 Mister Arch Leonard, Traffic Director, Pan American Airways, Idlewild Airport, New York City, advised that Peter Seeger departed for London, England on Flight 100 Deluxe, PAA, on September 25, 1959 at 9:30 PM.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property of the FBI, and is a loan to your agency; it and/or its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Date: 9/30/59

Transmit the following in _____
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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-23658)

PETER SEEGER, aka
SM - C
(OO: NY)

Re Stop notice placed in passport files.

Files, Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA KENNETH J. HASER on 9/29/59, by Mr. JAMES BROOKS, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, reflect PETER SEEGER was issued passport 1780911 on 9/8/59, limited to expire on 10/10/59, for proposed travel to the United Kingdom between 9/25/59 and 10/9/59, for the purpose of concert engagements. In his application dated 8/26/59 at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he stated that he intended to depart from Idlewild Airport about 9/25/59 via PAA. Stated not traveling by organized tour and expected to take another trip abroad in next 2 years. This passport was valid for all countries except Albania, Bulgaria and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control,

Subject stated born 5/3/19 at NYC and file reflects his birth certificate was seen by passport authorities. Gave permanent residence as Dutchess Junction, Fishkill Township, Dutchess Co., New York State. Listed father as CHARLES LOUIS SEEGER, born Mexico City, Mexico, 12/14/86, an American citizen residing at 1420 E. Valley Rd., Santa Barbara, Calif. Listed his mother as CONSTANCE DE CLYVER EDSON, born Denver, Colo., 11/28/86 and residing 2976 S. W. 16th Terrace, Miami, Fla. Subject stated last married 7/20/43 to TOSHI-ALINE OHTA SEEGER, born Munich, Germany, 7/1/22, an American citizen.

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Approved: *James H. Gale*Sent 135 M Per 54

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residing with subject, marriage not terminated. Subject gave mailing address as Box 328, Beacon, N. Y.

Subject submitted for inclusion in his file a photostat of sworn affidavit dated 12/28/86 at the U. S. Consulate General, Mexico, City, Mexico, by his grandfather, CHARLES L. SEEGER, attesting to the birth at Mexico City of CHARLES L. SEEGER, JR., on 12/14/86 (subject's father). Subject's application and related papers were sent to Passport Office by FREDERIC A. SMITH, Dutchess County Clerk, Poughkeepsie, with let dated 8/26/59, wherein SMITH pointed out that, as Americanism Chairman of the County American Legion, he had known that subject had been identified in hearings before HCUA as a communist, that subject had been a witness before HCUA, availed himself of the 1st Amendment "and other subterfuges to avoid answering questions," that in April, 1957, subject was indicted by a FGJ for contempt and that subject has never been brought to trial on that indictment.

File reflects that on 9/8/59, Office of Security, Department of State, NYC, received copy of court order dated 8/20/59, signed by US District Judge WILLIAM B. HERLANDS, permitting subject to depart jurisdiction of SDNY and travel to United Kingdom from 9/25/59 to 10/9/59, inclusive for purpose of conducting his usual professional activities. Court order also provided defendant should abide by and comply with all provisions of bail bond and appear in person with counsel at Office of USA, 10/10/59, 10:30 a.m. File also reflects that Passport Office notified LEONARD B. BOUDIN, attorney for subject, NYC, on 9/8/59, that passport was being mailed to subject and was limited in accordance with court order. Subject listed occupation on application as musician. Application was new type which does not call for answer to CP questions.

In view of fact subject's passport limited and possibility he may desire travel abroad at later date, WFO not removing passport stop notice. WFO will send copies of his photo to NY Office by routing slip later. RUC.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/21/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
SM - C

The following reports on subject have been furnished to AUSA LAWRENCE P. McGAULEY, SDNY:

Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. 2/21/57 at NY

Report of SA WILLIAM L. McMURRAY, JR. 2/19/58 at NY

Report of SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY, 2/18/59 at NY

AUSA McGAULEY has been advised that the reports are for his information only, that they contain both admissible and inadmissible evidence and that witnesses to information therein are not necessarily available for testimony.

He was also advised that the reports and the facts therein are for his information and should not be introduced in any proceedings in connection with prosecution of the contempt case of SEEGER.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 9/16/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
SM - C
(OO: NY)

ReNYairtel 8/7/59 and NYlet 8/31/59 re passport
check for subject.

On 9/15/59, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Legal Section,
Passport Office, Department of State, advised SE JOHN R.
CRUMP that the files of the Passport Office contain no identi-
fiable record of SEEGER as ever having applied for passport
facilities.

WFO, in accordance with NY airtel 8/7/59, is placing
a stop with the Passport Office with respect to the subject.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.
SM-C

DATE: 8/31/59

Re New York airtel to Bureau, dated 8/7/59.

AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised on 8/31/59 that subject's motion for permanent extension of bail was partially granted by Federal Judge JAMES VAN PELT BRYAN on 8/10/59, requiring that subject report to the USA's office on 10/10/59, rather than 10/12/59, as originally requested in said motion.

MC GAULEY added that date for subject's contempt of Congress trial is still set at 10/15/59.

Upon receipt of passport information from WFO, NY will submit letterhead memorandum re subject's proposed travel plans.

WFO is requested to expedite leads set out in referenced communication.

- 2- Bureau (100-200845) (RM)
- 2- Washington Field (100-23658) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-83801)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

8/7/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN LARUS, aka
SECURITY MATTER - C

Peter Seeger

OO:NY

ReNYlet to Director, FBI dated 1/30/59.

On 8/7/59 AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FRIEDMAN that, as a result of the HARTSHLATT decision, the cases of US vs. MARTIN LARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER, and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN had been returned to the court calendar and were set for trial on 10/15/59.

AUSA MC GAULEY stated PETER SEEGER was planning a trip to England during the period 9/25 - 10/12/59 and attorneys for LARUS and SULLIVAN were seeking a delay in the trials. AUSA MC GAULEY further advised he was opposing the trip abroad; however, he thought his opposition would be overruled.

AUSA MC GAULEY stated he had been assured by US District Judge FREDERICK VAN RAIT BRYAN that the trial would be held on 10/15/59 regardless of the travel.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised of further developments.

6 - Bureau (RM)
(2 - 100-382983) (MARTIN LARUS)
(2 - 100-200845) (PETER SEEGER)
(2 - 100-241970) (ELLIOT SULLIVAN)

1 - New York (100-106209) (MARTIN LARUS)(425)
1 - New York (100-83801) (PETER SEEGER)(414)
1 - New York (100-107274) (ELLIOT SULLIVAN)(424)

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CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

U.S. v. PETER SEEGER (S.D. N.Y.)

Seeger was indicted on March 26, 1957, for contempt of Congress because of his refusal to answer questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment on the basis of the Watkins decision was denied by the District Court. Trial of the case has been continued pending a decision of the Supreme Court in Barenblatt.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Information included in Internal Security Division
Monthly Status Report ~~for~~ ending June 30, 1954.

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Date: 8/7/59

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)
SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.
SM - C

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Re NY letters to the Bureau, dated 6/1/59 and 6/23/59, the former enclosing five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the subject. Also reference is made to WFO letter to NY, dated 5/28/59, and NY letter to WFO, dated 5/4/59.

On 8/7/59, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised that on 8/4/59 he placed the case of the U.S. vs. PETER SEEGER for Contempt of Congress on the court calendar. He said the trial is set to commence on 10/15/59 before Federal District Judge JAMES VAN PELT BRYAN.

MC GAULEY stated that on 8/4/59, the subject's attorney filed a notice of motion for permanent extension of bail as the subject was planning a trip to the United Kingdom from 9/25/59 through 10/12/59. MC GAULEY said the government would oppose this motion and no doubt loose. This motion is returnable on 8/10/59.

WFO is requested to review records of the Passport Office, Department of State, in order to ascertain if subject has applied for a passport. All pertinent information developed desired by the NYO. In the event subject has not as yet applied for a passport, WFO is requested to place a stop with the Passport Office.

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2-Washington Field (100-23658)(RM)
1-New York (100-83801)

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The NYO will follow and report subject's contempt of Congress proceedings in federal court and will, upon receipt of additional information, submit letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 6/23/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.
SM-C
(OO:NEW YORK)

Re NY let to the Director dated 6/1/59 and WFO
let to NY dated 5/28/59.

WFO advised in referenced letter that the files
of the Passport Office, Department of State, contains no
identifiable record of SEEGER as ever having applied for
passport facilities.

It is noted that in referenced NY letter to the
Bureau, information was set forth in a letterhead memoran-
dum that subject contemplated travel abroad. This informa-
tion was based upon an article appearing in the "New York
Times," stating that "The Weavers," a musical group, of
which subject was a member, were planning a European tour.

On 6/18/59, CSNY 23 advised SA MICHAEL M. O'ROURKE
that PETER SEEGER was no longer a member of "The Weavers,"
and that he had been replaced by one ERIC DARLING.

In view of the foregoing, it does not appear that
subject contemplates leaving the US at this time. The NYO
will keep the Bureau advised of the pending contempt of
Congress proceedings against the subject.

②-Bureau (100-200845) (RM)
1-New York (100-83801)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 6/1/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.,
SM - C
OO - NYSEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Re report to SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY at NY, dated 2/18/59; NY letter to WFO dated 5/4/59.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the subject. Also enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the reliability of the source whose identity is concealed by a T symbol.

WFO has been requested to review the records the the Passport Office, Department of State, in order to ascertain if subject has applied for a passport. If so, to furnish the NYO with pertinent information developed. Upon receipt of affirmative information from WFO, the NYO will prepare an additional letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

INFORMANT

Identity
of
Source

Location

NY T-1

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CC TO: C.R.I.
REQ. REC'D 8-15-63
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ANS. BY: [Signature]

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and the T symbol was utilized in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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ENCLOSURE

SUB CONTROL



States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

June 1, 1959

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Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the memo concerning
the subject, dated and captioned as above at New York.

Informant, NY T-1 has furnished reliable
information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property of the
FBI, and is a loan to your agency; it and/or its
contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Agency State, P.H., Lab
Req. Rec'd _____
Date Forw. 6-12-59
How Forw. PS
By W.T. [signature]

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REQ. REC'D _____
DATE FORW. 10-17-61
HOW FORW. PS 6-7
BY W.T. [signature]

100-200845-48

ENCLOSURE



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
June 1, 1959

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New York file 100-83801

Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

The "New York Times" Sunday edition of April 26, 1959, Theater Section, Page 2, carried an advertisement to the effect that "The Weavers" a musical group of which subject is a member, would appear at Carnegie Hall on May 15, 1959 and that this would be their only appearance prior to their European tour.

The July 26, 1956 issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker", daily newspaper published at Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956 Peter Seeger, Cold Springs Road, Beacon, New York, a singer of American ballads was among persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for contempt.

This article stated that Seeger, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City as it investigated Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

On March 26, 1957 Assistant United States Attorney Robert W. Bjork, Southern District of New York, advised that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against Peter Seeger. On May 21, 1957 Bjork stated that Seeger had been arraigned on April 1, 1957 and released on \$1,000 bail. On February 25, 1958 Bjork said the case of Seeger had been marked off the United States court calendar.

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Date Forw. 6-12-59
How Forw. RIS
By W.C. - nsc

cc London

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DATE FORW. 10-17-61
HOW FORW. R/507
BY W.C. - nsc

Peter Seeger

On January 23, 1959 Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence P. Mc Gauley advised that the case of the United States versus Peter Seeger had not been placed back on the court calendar because of the unavailability of a Federal Judge to try the case and because Assistant United States Attorney Mc Gauley was waiting for the decision of the United States versus Barenblatt and the United States versus Sacher, contempt of Congress cases which were heard by the United States Supreme Court in October, 1958. On May 18, 1959 Assistant United States Attorney Mc Gauley stated that subject's case has not been placed back on the court calendar because he is still waiting for the outcome of the Berenblatt and Sacher cases. Mc Gauley further advised that Seeger is still under indictment and released on \$1,000 bail precluding his travel outside the continental limits of the United States without permission of the court. Mc Gauley stated that Seeger has not requested or received this authority as yet.

On May 20, 1959 Assistant United States Attorney Mc Gauley stated that Mr. Ross, partner of Martin Popper, Seeger's attorney, advised him that he understood Seeger was planning a tour outside the United States. Mc Gauley stated that Ross was certain that Seeger would apply for permission of the court before he undertook this proposed trip.

On September 12, 1949 Herman Thomas, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954 for the government in the case of the United States versus Joseph Kuzma, ET AL, tried in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, advised that Peter Seeger was a member of the Communist Party as of that time.

Peter Seeger

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Louis F. Budenz, self-admitted former CP functionary and Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker" advised on June 30, 1950 that Peter Seeger was a member of the CP in 1949.

On April 30, 1953 NY T-1 identified Peter Seeger as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950.

On December 13, 1954 John Lautner, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, New York CP, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised that he knew the subject as a CP member during 1947 to 1949.

The following is a physical description of the subject:

Name	Peter Seeger, also known as Pete Seeger, Pete Bowers
Residence	Beacon, New York
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 13, 1919
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Height	6'1"
Weight	143 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Slim
Complexion	Fair, face badly pimpled
Marital Status	Married

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 2/18/59	Investigative Period 12/20/58 - 2/6/59
TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER aka		Report made by SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY	Typed By: emv/mvs
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER SEC REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.	

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CC TO: *Carmy*
REQ. REC'D *7-10-63*
JUL 26 1963
ANS.
BY: *Welp*

REFERENCE:

Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58,
at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The pretext telephone call made on 6/8/54, as referred to in the characterization of Encampment for Citizenship, was made by SA J. GARTH GRAY, the type of pretext used is unknown.

The pretext telephone call made on 5/3/56, was conducted by SA TONY J. SEABAUGH. The pretext used was an inquiry concerning the EFC during the summer months of 1956.

Approved

Copies made:

Special Agent
In Charge

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REQ. REC'D *8-15-63*
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ANS.
BY: *Holtzman*

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LEAD:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

The NYO will keep the Bureau advised of the pending contempt of Congress proceedings against the subject.

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NY T-2 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]				[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
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AQT-2 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]				100-83801-575

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Used to document CRAIG VINCENT ✓

NY T-3

Used to document CRAIG VINCENT ✓

DL T-1

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SA T-1

Used to document HARRY KOGER ✓

NY T-4

Used to document HARRY KOGER ✓

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

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CG T-1 [redacted]	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)			
DE T-1 [redacted]		10/23/58 12/3/58	✓	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
NY T-7 [redacted]			✓	
CGT-2 [redacted]	Used to document MANDEL TERMAN		✓	100-83801-615
CG T-3 [redacted]	Used to document MANDEL TERMAN		✓	
IP T-1 [redacted]	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		✓	

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DE T-3

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DE T-4

Used to document HELEN TRAVIS

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

DE T-5

Used to document ROBERT TRAVIS

The following informants were contacted with negative results in January, 1959:

Informant

Date of Contact

Agent

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SA ROGER O'MARA
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SA DAVID RYAN
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The informants utilized in the characterizations appearing in the appendix are, in their order of appearance, as follows:

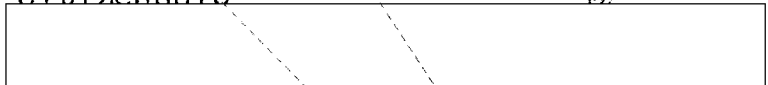
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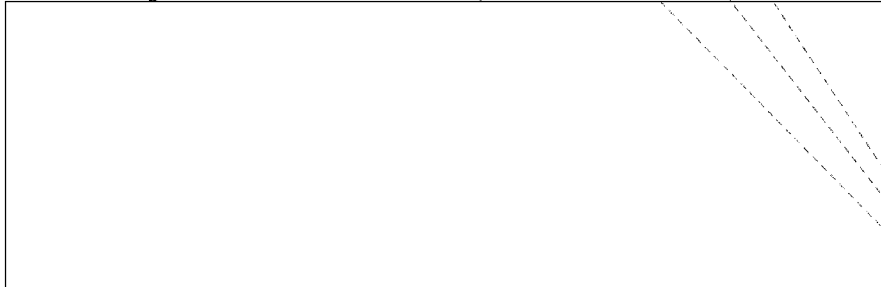
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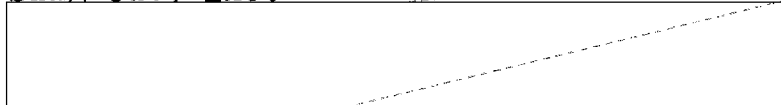


Metropolitan Music School



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Sing Out, Inc.



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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) information furnished by NY T-2, AQT-3, NY T-3, NY T-4, NY T-5, NY T-6, NY T-7, DE T-4, DE T-5, could reasonably result in identification of informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject has been indicted for contempt of Congress and contempt of Congress proceedings are pending against the subject.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
On 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/54,

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THOMAS advised that his opinion Mother BLOOR in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR. 2/19/58 at NY). On 4/30/53 former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 7/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HUCA (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY).

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Copy to:

Report of: Special Agent Robert W. Kennedy Office: New York
Date: February 18, 1959

File Number: BU 100-200845
NY 100-83801

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: As of February 2, 1959, PETER SEEGER resided at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and was self employed as an entertainer. On January 23, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised that the contempt of Congress case against SEEGER had not been replaced on the court docket because of the unavailability of a Federal Judge to try the case. New York T-1 advised that PETE SEEGER entertained at a program sponsored by "Sing Out". NO T-1 furnished information in the Spring of 1958, that PETER SEEGER was a subscriber to "The Southern Patriot". Announcement of folk songs to be sponsored by Metropolitan Music School on May 25, 1958, reflects that one of the featured entertainers would be PETE SEEGER. PETE SEEGER was featured at concerts sponsored by Detroit Labor Forum on October 18, 1958, and November 30, 1958. Certain informants familiar with Communist Party (CP) activity in the New York City area advised in January, 1959, that they had no information concerning the subject.

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AGENCY 100-051
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DATE FORW. 3-19-59
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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On February 2, 1959, New York T-1 advised that PETER SEEGER resides on Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, maintains Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York, and is self employed as an entertainer.

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING
PETER SEEGER

The July 26, 1956, issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker", a daily newspaper published for Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Spring Road, Beacon, New York, singer of American ballads and banjoist was among eight persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for "contempt".

The article stated that SEEGER, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City, as it investigated possible Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

On February 13, 1957, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the Federal Grand Jury in New York City had returned a true bill against PETER SEEGER for contempt on February 8, 1957.

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge, EDWARD J. MC CABE on March 26, 1957, that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against PETER SEEGER.

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On May 21, 1957, AUSA BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA FOLKNER that SEEGER had been arraigned on April 1, 1957 and released on \$1000 bail.

On February 25, 1958, AUSA BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA HENRY C. RUDA that the case of PETER SEEGER had been marked off the United States Court Calendar.

AUSA BJORK stated that the witnesses necessary for the contempt of Congress proceedings would not be available until after March 1, 1958.

AUSA BJORK advised that the subject's case would be placed back on the Court Calendar when the witnesses became available.

On January 23, 1959, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the case of the United States vs. PETER SEEGER had not been placed back on the Court Calendar because of the unavailability of a federal judge to try the case and because AUSA MC GAULEY was waiting for the decision of United States vs. BARENBLATT and United States v. SACHER, contempt of Congress cases which were heard by the United States Supreme Court in October, 1958.

III. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SUBJECT

On March 11, 1958, New York T-2 advised that on February 22, 1958, the publication, "Sing Out" sponsored a program at Carnegie Hall, New York, which began about midnight.

New York T-2 advised that PETE SEEGER was one of the entertainers at this program (see appendix hereto for characterization of Sing Out, Incorporated).

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On April 15, 1958, AQT-1 advised that on the night of April 14, 1958, PETER SEEGER gave a concert at the Museum of International Folk Art, Sante Fe, New Mexico.

On April 18, 1958, AQT-2 advised that on the evening of April 15, 1958, PETER SEEGER gave a concert at Taos High School, Taos, New Mexico.

On April 24, 1958, AQT-3 advised that on April 15, 1958, he had observed PETER SEEGER riding in the automobile belonging to and being driven by CRAIG S. VINCENT.

On October 11, 1953, AQT-4 advised that he has been acquainted with CRAIG VINCENT and his wife, JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT, the owners and operators of the San Cristobal Valley Ranch, for approximately three and one-half years, and that both of them are known to him as members of the CP. The informant stated that the ranch in the past was used as a meeting place for policy making Communist Party groups.

On November 7, 1957, the records of the County Clerks Office, Taos, New Mexico, were reviewed by SA EDGAR L. MARTIN. These records reflect that JEANNETTE W. and CRAIG S. VINCENT sold the San Cristobal Valley Ranch on June 1, 1954.

New York T-3 advised on March 20, 1958, that he has been in recent contact with CRAIG VINCENT and it is the opinion of NY T-3 that CRAIG VINCENT currently supports the aims and purposes of the CP.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 28, 1958, DL T-1 advised that PETE SEEGER, a folk singer from New York City, accompanied by HARRY and GRACE KOGER, Route 3, Longview, Texas, appeared at the Mayflower School, Longview, Texas, at 1:00 p.m. on April 18, 1958. SEEGER gave a demonstration program of songs, banjo and guitar and announced

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his program for that night. According to DLT-1 SEEGER and the KOGERS appeared at the Mayflower School the night of April 18, 1958, and SEEGER gave a performance of songs.

SA T-1 advised on March 13, 1955, that he knew HARRY KOGER to be a member of the CP at that time.

NY T-4, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised in September, 1950, that JOHN STANFORD, CP Organizer in San Antonio at that time, identified HARRY and GRACE KOGER as members of the CP in San Antonio.

In the Spring of 1958, NY T-1 furnished information concerning the subscriptions of "The Southern Patriot", official organ of Southern Conference Educational Fund. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Southern Conference Educational Fund).

This information reflected that Mr. PETER SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, was a subscriber to "The Southern Patriot".

On May 15, 1958, NY T-5 furnished a one page throwaway announcing an afternoon of folk songs to be sponsored by the Metropolitan Music School on May 25, 1958, at New York, New York. The announcement reflects that one of the featured entertainers would be PETE SEEGER. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Metropolitan Music School).

On May 16, 1958, NY T-6 advised that the Sunday Evening Forum of the Faculty of Social Science held May 11, 1958, featured a film with PETE SEEGER entitled "To Hear Your Banjo Play".

NY T-6 advised that this film was at least ten years old and contained little of interest. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Faculty of Social Science).

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On May 5, 1958, Mrs. CLARA C. HEANEY, 111 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished an announcement that the Encampment for Citizenship would have a concert on May 23, 1958, at 8:30 p.m. at 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, at which PETE SEEGER would sing. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Encampment for Citizenship).

On June 2, 1958, BA T-1 advised that PETE SEEGER performed at the Pimlico Junior High School in Maryland on the evening of May 28, 1958.

Baltimore T-1 advised that after singing a Chinese folk song, SEEGER said "There, we went to China without Mr. Dulles' permission".

On August 13, 1958, CG T-1 furnished a leaflet announcing a PETE SEEGER concert to be held August 14, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois, presented by Old Town School of Folk Music.

The July 27, 1958 issue of "The Worker" on page 4, column 3, contains an article captioned "Deny Pete Seeger Hall in Detroit", reflecting that PETE SEEGER had been denied the use of the Detroit Art Institute's Auditorium for a recital.

The July 12, 1958 issue of "The Detroit Free Press" contained an article on page 9 stating a suit was filed in Circuit Court against the Detroit Arts Commission by ERNEST MAZEY, Chairman of the Detroit Labor Forum for refusing to permit PETE SEEGER, a ballad singer, to appear in the Detroit Institute of Arts' Auditorium on October 18 and 19, 1958. The article stated the Detroit Labor Forum was sponsoring the concert of SEEGER on those dates and rental of the hall was refused by the Arts' Commission because the auditorium "may not be rented for programs of political or controversial nature." (See Appendix hereto for documentation on Detroit Labor Forum) and "The Worker".

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On October 23, 1958, DE T-1 advised that a concert featuring PETE SEEGER and SONNY TERRY was held in United Dairy Workers Hall, Detroit, Michigan on October 18, 1958, sponsored by the Detroit Labor Forum.

Detroit T-1 advised that during intermission the victory over the Detroit Art Institute's ban of PETE SEEGER was announced and it was announced that PETE SEEGER would sing at the Detroit Art Institute Auditorium on November 30, 1958.

It is noted that the October 8, 1958 issue of "The Detroit Free Press", contained an article on page 3, column 3, captioned " 'Can't Bar Singer', Judge Rules", reflecting that on October 7, 1958, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge, THOMAS J. MURPHY ordered the Detroit Art Commission to rent its hall to SEEGER. The court ruled that the title "Controversial Figure" had no bearing on denying rental of a hall to SEEGER. If SEEGER was going to advocate some controversial doctrines or make a speech that would cause a disturbance, the court felt that would be a different question. Since all SEEGER wanted to do was to sing folk songs, the court was of the opinion this was within the aims and purposes of the Art Institute.

JOHN LAUTNER, a CP member for over twenty years, who at the time of his expulsion from the CP in January, 1950, was Chairman of the New York State CP Review Commission, advised on February 12, 1955, that he knew SONNY TERRY to have been a CP member from 1947 through 1949.

In the Fall of 1958, NY T-7 furnished information that PETE SEEGER had visited the residence of MANDEL TERMAN in Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1958.

On November 5, 1958, CG T-2 advised that MANDEL TERMAN in the early 1940's was a member-at-large of the CP of Illinois and chiefly interested in Russian War Relief.

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On October 13, 1958, CG T-3 advised that as of that time MANDEL TERMAN was a Board member of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship).

On December 17, 1958, IP T-1 advised that on November 25, 1958, PETE SEEGER and SONNY TERRY gave a concert of folk songs in the Oliver Hotel Ballroom, South Bend, Indiana.

On December 3, 1958, Detroit T-1 advised that the PETE SEEGER - SONNY TERRY Concert, sponsored by the Detroit Labor Forum, was held in the Detroit Art Institute Auditorium, Sunday night, November 30, 1958.

Detroit T-1 advised that SEEGER introduced SONNY TERRY and said while he had known and made music with TERRY for about twenty years, this was the first time he had an opportunity to go on a national tour with him, and it had been a wonderful experience.

On December 1, 1958, Detroit T-3, a local Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised that PETER SEEGER gave a concert at Ballinger Field House, Michigan University Extension School Camps, Flint, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 10, 1958, and that after the concert, at approximately 12:10 p.m. SEEGER visited the home of ROBERT and HELEN TRAVIS, 1705 Webster Road, Flint, Michigan.

According to Detroit T-3 a station wagon registered to PAUL ENDICOTT, 30532 Sheridan Street, Dearborn, Michigan, was parked in the driveway of the TRAVIS home at the time of SEEGER's visit.

Detroit T-3 advised that the occupants of the Travis's home departed at 7:50 p.m. and at 8:15 p.m., the evening concert by SEEGER was held at the Field House.

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On October 5, 1954, DE T-4 advised that HELEN TRAVIS was then on the State Committee of the CP, District 7.

On October 5, 1954, DE T-4 advised that HELEN TRAVIS was then on the State Committee of the CP, District 7.

On November 21, 1956, DE T-5 advised that ROBERT TRAVIS stated on November 20, 1956, that he was then a member of the CP, District 7.

Mrs. BERENIECE BALDWIN, a member of the CP, District 7, from 1943 to 1951, who has testified on behalf of the Government, advised on June 8, 1950, that PAUL ENDICOTT was a member of the Packard Shop Branch, CP District 7, in June, 1950.

Certain informants familiar with CP activities in the New York City area advised in January, 1959, that they had no information concerning the subject.

APPENDIX

CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

EDWIN GORDON FOX, 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (now deceased), made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was validated August 11 (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

A source advised on June 20, 1956, that at an Executive Committee meeting of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship an officer of that organization stated that the aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

A second source advised on May 1, 1958, that the CCASF continues to use its facilities for the purpose of propagandizing for international peace and cultural exchange with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This source advised it even though the CCASF claims to be autonomous, leaders of the group are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DETROIT LABOR FORUM (DLF)

On July 8, 1958, a Source advised that the DLF, which was organized approximately in November, 1953, has been the name used by the Detroit Branch American Socialist Clubs (ASC), formerly the Socialist Union of America (SUA). The Source stated that the purpose of the DLF is to attract those persons to attend affairs who would otherwise be repelled by the name "Socialist." The Source further advised that the DLF is the Detroit Branch of the ASC.

A Source on November 8, 1954, advised that the SUA was founded by a minority group which broke away from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority group believed that the organization should enter the Communist Party (CP) and other left-wing groups with the intention of swinging these groups right or left, thereby making a revolution possible in a shorter time. The SUA was formally founded at what was called the Midwest Founding Conference, held November 21, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

The July, 1957, issue of "The American Socialist" contained the following information concerning the ASC:

The ASC was organized in Chicago, Illinois, on June 1 and June 2, 1957, at a conference sponsored by "The American Socialist." At the conference, the SUA voted to dissolve and participate in the ASC.

The conference adopted a statement of purpose indicating that its objective is the education and organization of new socialist forces in order to prepare the way for the building of a new movement of democratic socialism in the United States and will support "The American Socialist" as a prime source in such education. Inquiries concerning the ASC should be directed to "The American Socialist," Room 306, 857 Broadway, New York 3, New York.

A Source stated on August 19, 1957, that "The American Socialist" is a monthly publication which was controlled by the SUA from January, 1954, to June, 1957, and has been controlled by the ASC since July, 1957.

The SWP and CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP (EFC)

A confidential source furnished a pamphlet on June 11, 1954, entitled, "Encampment For Citizenship" issued by the EFC, 2 West 64th Street, New York City. This pamphlet reflects in part that the EFC was founded in 1946, and is sponsored by the American Ethical Union, a Federation of American Ethical Cultural Societies.

The pamphlet also reflects that the EFC offers a common ground on which young people can live, work, study and play in true equality, without indoctrination with a particular religious, political or economic point of view. The EFC is a six weeks course with the 1954 session held at the Fieldston School, Riverdale 71, New York, New York, from June 27, 1954 to August 7, 1954, for students from seventeen to twenty three years of age. The EFC consists of an intergrated educational program of lectures and discussions, practical workshops, field trips, film forums and family forums, community government and recreation.

On June 8, 1954, an unidentified person at the Fieldston School was contacted telephonically under pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and advised that the EFC maintains a Winter office at the Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street, New York City, and in the Summer the office is moved to the Fieldston School, Riverdale, New York, New York.

Another confidential source advised on June 16, 1954, that the Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street, New York City, is "composed of semi-religious, dreamy, democratic people, who are strong religious people underneath. The Society is not a CP front or a Party-sponsored organization, but on occasions, in some areas, CP members may join and make contacts with people within the organization who may be recruited into the Party."

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ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP (EFC) (Continued)

This source further advised that there is no CP policy at the present time for infiltration of the society. The source stated that the Party is not too concerned with the Society For Ethical Culture and its affiliated groups, and never has been.

On May 3, 1956, an unidentified woman in the office of the EFC, 2 West 64th Street, New York City, was contacted telephonically under pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time she advised that the offices of the EFC are presently located at 2 West 64th Street, New York City. She further stated that the EFC had scheduled a six weeks study course to be held from July 1 through August 11, 1956, at the Fieldston School, Riverdale, New York.

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APPENDIX

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that Max Weiss had stated the Communist Party in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "people who can't come into the Party and to the fringe groups." The informant stated that Weiss had advised that he (Weiss) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that Weiss had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On October 1, 1957, another confidential source advised that Weiss also stated that efforts were being made to re-establish an education system and to reorganize a central school. According to the source, an announcement was to be made that a faculty of social science was being formed to give a series of classes in rooms at Academy Hall. The source stated that Weiss was of the opinion that no attempt to organize a formal school should be made.

On October 2, 1957, another confidential source advised that on October 1, 1957, Harold Collins had reserved rooms at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, for meetings of the "Faculty of Social Science" from October 21, 1957, to December 19, 1957.

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphia Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday evening Forums, all of which have been administered by Harold Collins. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the school" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

APPENDIX

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (Cont'd).

On August 13, 1958, another confidential informant advised that the Faculty of Social Science had leased space at 799 Broadway, New York City, from August 1, 1958, to July 31, 1959, to be used as an office and classrooms.

The "Daily Worker" for April 5, 1956, p.4, column 1, refers to Max Weiss as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

On February 4, 1958, another confidential source advised that Harold Collins attended a meeting of the Educational Committee of the New York State Communist Party, which meeting took place that date at Communist Party headquarters, 23 W. 26th Street, New York City.

APPENDIX

METROPOLITAN MUSIC SCHOOL, INC.

The Metropolitan Music School, Inc. (MMS), catalogue for 1957-1958, reflects the school is located at 18 West 74th Street, New York 23, New York. The catalogue states the school was founded in 1935 and is a nonprofit cooperative, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

On November 16, 1954, a confidential informant advised that he believes the MMS was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. The informant advised on November 2, 1954, he was of the impression that the MMS was always in the hands of the Communist Party. The school's director, LILLY POPPER, was known to the informant as a Communist Party member.

The "New York Times," issue of June 30, 1957, contains an article reflecting that as a result of hearings held in New York City in April, 1957, the House Committee on Un-American Activities had concluded the MMS "is controlled by identified Communists." In support of its conclusion, the Committee named seven present and former officials as having been identified as Communist Party members or as having invoked the Fifth Amendment when interrogated.

APPENDIX

SING OUT, INCORPORATED

The records of the County Clerk, New York County, reflect that Sing Out, Incorporated, filed incorporation papers in New York State on February 28, 1957. Generally the purpose of the organization as listed in the incorporation papers is to deal in all phases of the entertainment business, including producing, supplying entertainers, acting as agent for entertainers as well as conducting business of music publishing.

A confidential informant advised on November 25, 1957, that by letter dated March 14, 1957, Peoples Artists, Incorporated, (PA) advised the Amalgamated Bank, 11-15 Union Square, New York City, that at a Board of Directors meeting of PA held on March 14, 1957, a resolution was passed that all of the current assets and liabilities of PA were to be sold to Sing Out, Incorporated, and that a duly authorized bill of sales be drawn up.

The information furnished by this confidential informant is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena.

IRWIN SILBER, who was an officer of PA and is now President of Sing Out, Incorporated, by letter dated April 10, 1957, advised the Copyright Office, Library of Congress that PA is no longer a legal entity and all past copyrights have been assigned to Sing Out, Incorporated. In the letter he wrote that this signifies a change in the corporate structure and that they are now doing business as Sing Out, Incorporated.

Sing Out, Incorporated, occupies Room 631, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

SING OUT, INCORPORATED (Continued)

According to the masthead in the song book "Sing Out", it is copyright to Sing Out, Incorporated, and is published quarterly.

The records of the New York Telephone Company as furnished by EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Legal Department, on May 14, 1957, reflect the officers of Sing Out, Incorporated, as follows:

President	IRWIN SILBER
Vice President	PETE SEEGER
Secretary	ANNE WAYNE

A confidential informant advised on December 12, 1956, that IRWIN SILBER was Executive Secretary and ANNE WAYNE was Treasurer of PA in 1956.

In the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, there appears the following concerning PA:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(California Committee on Un-American Activities report 1948, page 392.)"

A confidential informant advised on August 1, 1955, that IRWIN SILBER, ANNE WAYNE, and PETE SEEGER were members of the Music II Section of the CP in New York City, in June, 1950.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL
FUND, INCORPORATED (SCEF)

An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front, changed the name of the organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and listed its purposes as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A confidential informant advised on June 29, 1956, that during the time the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was in existence, Communist Party members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, Inc., rank and file Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. Informant stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years certain Communist Party members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further Communist Party principles.

Informant considers JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, as a Communist Party member because he follows Communist principles, but he is not under Communist Party discipline. Many prominent people who are officials and members of the organization, while liberal in their views, are by no means communist.

This confidential informant advised on June 21, 1957, that the status of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., remains unchanged.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
February 18, 1959

BU 100-200845
NY 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
also known as
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Robert W. Kennedy, dated and captioned as above, at the New York.

New York T-1 was in a position to furnish reliable information.

The informants utilized in the characterization of the Faculty of Social Science, who furnished information on October 2, 1957 and August 13, 1958, were in a position to furnish reliable information.

The informants utilized in the characterization of "Sing Out, Incorporated", who furnished information on November 25, 1957, was in a position to furnish reliable information.

All other informants whose reliability has not otherwise been characterized, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, aka,
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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 10/30/58 captioned
PETER SEEGER, wa., SM-C.

On 1/23/59 AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised
SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of US vs. MARTIN
YARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER, and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN
were now assigned to him for prosecution inasmuch as
AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK was no longer with the Department.

AUSA MC GAULEY stated the status of the above
mentioned cases had not changed since the submission
of relet.

AUSA MC GAULEY further advised in addition
to the unavailability of a Federal Judge to try the case
he was waiting for the decision of US vs. BARENBLATT and
US vs. SACHER, heard by the US Supreme Court in October
1958, which were Contempt of Congress cases, before taking
any additional steps in the prosecution of YARUS, SEEGER
and SULLIVAN.

The NYO will continue to follow the above
matter and keep the Bureau advised of any further developments.

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Subject: PETE SEEGER
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Source [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA HAYES S. KING, 11/3/58, that on 11/2/58 she had learned from Reverend JOHN H. MORGAN, Pastor, First Unitarian Church, South Bend, Indiana, that PETE SEEGER, a folk singer, and SONNY TERRY, a blind Negro harmonica player, would appear in South Bend at the Oliver Hotel ballroom on 11/25/58. Appearance will be sponsored by the First Unitarian Church. SIMON BOORDA, Financial Secretary of the Communist Party in Indiana, who is a member of the First Unitarian Church, has contributed \$10 towards the cost of bringing SEEGER and TERRY to South Bend. [redacted] will attend the concert.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/30/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa.
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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 8/27/58 captioned "Martin Yarus, was., SM-C; Elliot Sullivan, was., SM-C; Peter Seeger, wa., SM-C".

On 10/28/58, AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the status of the cases of MARTIN YARUS, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and PETER SEEGER has not changed.

The cases have not been replaced on the court docket because of the unavailability of a Federal Judge to try the cases.

The case on the captioned subject is being placed in a pending inactive status in the NYO.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised of any further developments.

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MANDEL ALLEN TERMAN
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(OO: CHICAGO)

PETER SEEGER

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau, dated 9/23/58.

On 10/26/58, [redacted] advised that on that date, MANDEL TERMAN (PH) in Moscow, USSR, was in contact with his wife at telephone number Lakeview 5-1937 in Chicago, Illinois. The informant advised that PETE SEEGER, who had given a concert the previous night, had been at TERMAN's home in Chicago for breakfast on the morning of 10/26/58. Informant advised that TERMAN's wife did not seem to be feeling well, and was glad she did not travel with TERMAN. The informant advised that TERMAN planned to return to the USA via Pan American Airways from Paris to NY, around December 1st. The informant could provide no further information concerning TERMAN's arrival.

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The above is being submitted to the Bureau and Chicago Office for information.

Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source.

Under no circumstances should the subject or any unauthorized person become aware we have the above information.

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PETER SEEGER, wa.
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ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 6/30/58, captioned
PETER SEEGER, wa., SM - C.

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK advised SA WILLIAM A. FOLKNER
on 8/22/58 that the cases of US vs. GEORGE TYNE (true
name MARTIN YARUS), US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN, and US vs.
PETER SEEGER, who are to be tried separately, have not
been returned to the docket of the US District Court,
SDNY.

Mr. BJORK stated there had not been a
Federal Judge available to try these cases since the
appointment of JUDGE LAWRENCE E. WALSH to the position
of Deputy US Attorney General.

Mr. BJORK further advised he expected a
Judge to be available to try the cases in October
1958 and he would have cases returned to the docket
at that time.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter
and keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 6/30/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa.
SM-C

ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 4/23/58, entitled "MARTIN YARUS, was., SM-C; ELLIOT SULLIVAN, SM-C; PETER SEEGER, SM-C".

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER on 6/13/58 that the cases of PETER SEEGER, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and MARTIN YARUS have not been restored to the docket of the US District Court, SDNY and are still pending in his office.

AUSA BJORK will be recontacted periodically and the Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent information.

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(2-100-241970) (Elliot Sullivan)
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MARTIN YARUS, was.
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PETER SEEGER
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ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 2/25/58, entitled "ELLIOT SULLIVAN, wa; SM-C" (Bufile 100-241970) cc Bufiles 100-382983 and 100-200845.

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM E. POLKNER on 3/24/58, that the cases of PETER SEEGER, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and MARTIN YARUS, have been temporarily removed from the calendar of the US District Court, SDNY, due to the unavailability of witnesses.

AUSA BJORK, advised that he is currently involved in the trial of another Bureau case and he will have the case of SEEGER, SULLIVAN and YARUS restored to the court calendar in the immediate future.

Inasmuch as the case of US vs. YARUS, SEEGER and SULLIVAN, has been temporarily removed from the Court calendar, and there is no further investigation pending in regard to YARUS, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status by the NYO.

AUSA BJORK will be recontacted periodically and the Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent information.

- ⑥ - Bureau (RM)
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(2- 100-241970)
(2- 100-200845)

- 1 - New York (100-83801) (PETER SEEGER)
1 - New York (100-107274) (ELLIOT SULLIVAN)
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UNITED STATES v. PETER SEEGER (S.D. N.Y.)

Indictment was returned on March 26, 1957, by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York, charging the defendant with contempt of Congress in his refusals to answer pertinent questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment on the basis of the Supreme Court ruling in the case of United States v. Watkins was denied by the District Court.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107274)

ELLIOT SULLIVAN, was
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Re New York let to the Bureau dated 1/14/58, captioned "PETER SEEGER, was;
SM-C". (Bufile 100-200845) (New York 100-83801), cc Bufiles (100-200845)
(100-382983)

On 2/25/58 AUSA, ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised SA HENRY C. RUDA that
the cases of PETER SEEGER, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and MARTIN YARUS were recently
marked off the current US Court calendar by USDJ WEINFELD, over the
Government's objection.

AUSA BJORK stated that the witnesses necessary for the contempt of
Congress proceedings would not be available until sometime after March 1,
1958. He advised that the above cases would be placed back on the Court
calendar when those witnesses become available.

The New York Office will continue to follow this matter and keep
the Bureau advised of future developments.

- 4- Bureau (100-24190) (RM)
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1- New York (100-106209) (MARTIN YARUS)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/19/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa.
SM - CSEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Reference is made to the report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., at New York, dated and captioned as above, four copies of which are attached. Also attached are four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to the reliability of informants, whose identities are concealed by use of T symbols.

REFERENCES: Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, 2/21/57, at New York.
New York letter to Director, 1/14/58.

INFORMANTSIdentity of
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and/or Description
of InformationFile Number
where
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T-2

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-4 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	PETE SEEGER of New York was guest performer at Annual Festival of Nationalities sponsored by MCPFB, 10/19/57	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
"	Used to document Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born	
"	Used to characterize PAT ELLIS	
"	Used to characterize Reverend WILLIAM T. BAIRD	
T-5 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	Used to document Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born	
T-6 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	Used to characterize PAT ELLIS	
T-7 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	Used to characterize ALEC JONES	
T-8 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	Used to characterize ALEC JONES	
T-9 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	Used to characterize Reverend WILLIAM T. BAIRD	
T-10 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	Used to characterize RODOLFO LOZOYA	
T-11 [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	Used to characterize RODOLFO LOZOYA	

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INFORMANTS - (CONT'D)

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-12 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		100-83801-508
T-13 NYO Confidential Mailbox	Used to document "Sing Out"	
T-14 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
T-15 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		
T-16 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		
T-17 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Used to characterize CRAIG STEPHAN VINCENT and JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT	
T-18 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
T-19 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Used to document Detroit Labor Forum	
"	Used to document Socialist Union of America	

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The confidential informants utilized in the documentation of Sing Out, Inc., mentioned in the details, are identified as

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The confidential informant utilized in the documentation of the Metropolitan Music School, mentioned in the details, is identified as

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that on 2/6/57, JOHN KENNETH ACKLEY testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Executive Session in New York City. ACKLEY furnished information concerning various individuals and their association with the Metropolitan Music School.

ACKLEY testified that PETER SEEGER at one time played a concert for the school and was a banjo instructor. ACKLEY claimed the 5th Amendment when asked if SEEGER is a Communist.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow the pending Contempt of Congress proceeding against SEEGER.

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Confidential informants, mentioned in the details, are identified as follows:

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contacted by SA CHARLES D. SHORES on 12/26/57.
contacted by SA JOHN A. HAAG on 1/3/58.
contacted by SA JOHN A. HAAG on 1/3/58.
contacted by SA LEO M. NAGLE on 1/10/58.
contacted by SA LEO M. NAGLE on 1/13/58.

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) _____
it contains information indicating that the FBI has coverage of subversive activities conducted at certain locations in New York City, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago. If this fact were disclosed, it could possibly reveal the identities of informants and seriously hamper investigation of subversive activities; this would be injurious to the National Defense.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
subject has been indicted for contempt of Congress and contempt of Congress proceedings are pending against the subject.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____

On 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother BLOOR, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that in his opinion, Mother BLOOR in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ advised on 6/30/50, that subject was a member of the CP in 1945. On 4/30/53, former reliable, identified subject as a CP member

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active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. On 9/23/55, EUGENE GLANSBERG, Hopewell Junction, NY, advised that in about 1948 he personally observed the subject, after entertaining the staff at Camp Lakeland, Hopewell Junction, NY, hand out cards to join the CP and give a speech urging the staff to join the Party.

During the period 1940 to 1957, inclusive, the subject, as an entertainer, has repeatedly appeared at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In August, 1955, the subject appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 7/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before the HCUA. On 3/26/57, AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the SDNY against the subject. On 1/8/58, AUSA BJORK advised that the date for subject's trial had not been set and he, BJORK, was awaiting further information as to the exact date witnesses would be available.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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New York 21, New York
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BY: *help* *de*

Re: Peter Seeger, with alias
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William L. Mc Murray, Jr. dated and captioned as above, at New York.

Informants designated as T-1, T-13 and T-14 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

Informants designated as T-2 through T-12, T-15 through T-17 and T-19 have furnished reliable information in the past.

The informant designated as T-18 has furnished reliable information in the past, but whose original sources are unknown.

Confidential informants who advised during December, 1957, and January, 1958, that they did not know subject and could furnish no information concerning him, have furnished reliable information in the past.

The first confidential informant utilized in the documentation of Sing Out, Incorporated, was in a position to furnish reliable information. *P.12*

The remainder of the confidential informants utilized in the documentation of Sing Out, Incorporated, and the confidential informant utilized in the documentation of the Metropolitan Music School, Incorporated, have furnished reliable information in the past. *P.13-17*
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Agency *State & CIA*
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TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER, wa.		Report made by 1/3, 7-10, 13, 31; 2/3-5/58	Typed By: gpl
		CHARACTER OF CASE WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR. SECURITY MATTER - C	

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

PETER SEEGER resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328 Beacon, New York. He is self employed as an entertainer. A source advised on 9/12/49, that on 9/9/49, Mother BLOOR, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in New York. On 10/23/57, a source advised that on 10/19/57, the Annual Festival of Nationalities sponsored by the MCPFB was held at Chicago, Illinois, and that PETE SEEGER of New York was the guest performer for the evening. AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised on 3/26/57, that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the SDNY against PETER SEEGER. On 5/21/57, AUSA BJORK advised that SEEGER had been arraigned on 4/1/57, and released on \$1,000 bail.

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ANS. BY: *hwp*

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ANS. BY: *Hottel et al*

AGENCY: *1pc-051*
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BY: *JH*

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Special Agent
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On 1/8/58, AUSA BJORK advised that the date for trial had not been set and that he was awaiting further information as to the exact date witnesses would be available. Confidential informants did not know subject and could furnish no information concerning him.

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DETAILS:

I BACKGROUND

Residence

On January 7, 1958, T-1 advised that PETER SEEGER resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York.

Employment

On January 7, 1958, SAM WOOD, Chief, Police Department, Beacon, New York, advised SA LEO M. NAGLE that PETER SEEGER is self employed as an entertainer.

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 31, 1957, page four, column one, referred to PETE SEEGER as a folk singer and banjo player and announced that SEEGER had given a concert at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on the Friday night preceding December 31, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

HERMAN E. THOMAS, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, a former member of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware (CPEPD), who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954, for the Government in the case of the United States versus JOSEPH KUZMA, ET AL, tried in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, advised SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN on September 12, 1949, that on September 9, 1949, a Lehigh Valley Section Committee meeting of the CPEPD was held in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS stated that at this meeting Mother BLOOR, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in New York.

On May 13, 1957, THOMAS advised SA HANNIGAN that in his opinion Mother BLOOR, in her reference to SEEGER on September 9, 1949, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Evidence of Activity Before CP Front Groups As An Entertainer

On August 15, 1957, HENRY S. BREITROSE, 6124 23rd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was contacted by SAS FRANK BYDLON and VINCENT J. ASCHERL, at which time he furnished information concerning individuals within his acquaintance at the University of Wisconsin, who were affiliated with the Labor Youth League (LYL) sometime during the period 1953 to 1956.

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BREITROSE advised that folk singer PETE SEEGER gave a performance at a public meeting sponsored by the LYL at the University of Wisconsin sometime during the period 1953 to 1956.

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2 advised on February 5, 1957, that on January 30, 1957, a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) was held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, and that the meeting was called "A Conference on Self-Defense Against Unconstitutional Intrusions."

T-2 further advised that PETE SINGER, not further identified, sang the song "Freiheitlinder" at this affair.

T-2 further advised that approximately 300 people attended the meeting and about 65 per cent of the number were men.

T-3 advised on February 1, 1957, that at the ECLC meeting held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, on January 30, 1957, PETE SEEGER stated that he fully realized the importance of the Bill of Rights and how zealously they must be protected.

The ECLC has been cited by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, page 91, as "To defend the cases of Communist law breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire, these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

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On October 23, 1957, T-4 advised that on October 19, 1957, the Annual Festival of Nationalities sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) was held at Milda Hall, 3140 South Halstead Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 250 individuals attended this festival.

PAT ELLIS was chairman of this affair and opened the meeting by stating that the MCPFB concerned itself with the foreign born Americans who have been victimized by the Walter-Mc Carran Law.

PAT ELLIS then introduced ALEC JONES as the Administrative Secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB), who was a guest at this conference from New York.

Reverend WILLIAM T. BAIRD was introduced as the Chairman of the MCPFB, who would make a collection speech.

BAIRD stated he was honored to be in attendance and to be the Chairman of the MCPFB.

He then discussed various facts concerning the exclusion of RODOLFO LOZOYA from the United States.

PAT ELLIS then introduced the guest performer for the evening, who was PETE SEEGER of New York.

PETE SEEGER dedicated his first song to the LOZOYA family and mentioned that it was a shame that RODOLFO LOZOYA was separated from his family, but that if everyone did their part, LOZOYA would soon be reunited with them.

SEEGER then proceeded to sing seven or eight songs.

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On May 12, 1955, T-5 advised that the MCPFB was formed in the late 1940's and was at that time and up to May, 1955, the Midwest organization of the ACPFB.

T-4 advised on August 1, 1957, that the MCPFB was, since May 1, 1955, and still is, the Midwest organization of the ACPFB.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In April, 1957, T-6 advised that JONNIE LUMPKIN ELLIS was, in April, 1957, an active member of the CP and was recently elected to the position of Educational Director, South Side Division, Illinois District CP.

On August 1, 1957, T-4 advised that JONNIE LUMPKIN ELLIS, also known as PAT ELLIS, was Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the MCPFB as of that time.

On March 1, 1957, T-7 advised on that date ALEC JONES was in contact with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana CP District.

On November 5, 1957, T-8 advised that ALEC JONES, ACPFB Educational Director, attended a meeting of the ACPFB held in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 28, 1957.

T-9 advised on November 15, 1951, that on that date, HERB BLOCK, then Chairman of the 8th Ward CP Club, had stated that this club was receiving full cooperation on peace from Reverend BAIRD.

On August 1, 1957, T-4 advised that Reverend WILLIAM T. BAIRD was Chairman of the MCPFB as of that time.

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On January 18, 1957, RODOLFO LOZOYA advised Investigators L. T. PRICE and FRANK GARDNER, Immigration and Naturalization Service, El Paso, Texas, that he probably became a member of the CP in 1936 and remained a member for three or four years.

T-10 advised on May 21, 1957, that the MCPFB had issued a four page brochure appealing for contributions to fight the exclusion of RODOLFO LOZOYA.

On May 23, 1957, T-11 advised that on May 22, 1957, a meeting was called by PAT ELLIS at the MCPFB Office. The purpose of the meeting was to start an active campaign on the part of the MCPFB to help RODOLFO LOZOYA gain re-entry into the United States.

III CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING PETER SEEGER

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 19, 1955, contained an article which revealed that PETER SEEGER had appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on August 18, 1955, which committee held hearings at the Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York City, on Communist activities in the Theatre, Radio, Television and in the Unions of Entertainers.

The article further revealed that SEEGER refused to discuss the groups he had played before.

The article further revealed that SEEGER refused to answer questions about his alleged association with the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. (ACYRI), American Peace Crusade (APC), American Peace Mobilization (APM), California Labor School (CLS), Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS), Labor Youth League (LYL), People's Songs, People's Artists and the Cultural Division of the CP.

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The article stated that SEEGER did not invoke the protection of the Fifth Amendment even after he was warned he faced contempt proceedings and he insisted that the committee had no right to ask about his associations.

(4) The July 26, 1956 issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker", a daily newspaper published in Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Spring Road, Beacon, New York, singer of American ballads and banjoist, was among eight persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for "contempt".

The article stated that SEEGER, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by the HCUA in New York City as it investigated possible Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

The ACYRI, APC, APM, CLS, CRC and JSSS have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

People's Songs has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 392, "as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City. 'All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization'".

People's Artists, Inc. has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 392, "as a Communist front."

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On February 13, 1957, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the Federal Grand Jury in New York City had returned a true bill against PETER SEEGER for contempt on February 8, 1957.

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge EDWARD J. MC CABE on March 26, 1957, that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against PETER SEEGER.

The "New York Daily Mirror" newspaper, dated March 27, 1957, page four, column one, reflects in an article that PETER SEEGER was indicted on the previous day by the Federal Grand Jury on a charge of contempt of Congress inasmuch as he had refused to answer certain questions before the HCUA investigation of suspected Communist infiltration of show business in 1955.

According to the article, SEEGER was scheduled to be arraigned on the following Monday and could receive a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a fine of \$1,000 on each contempt count against him.

This article disclosed that SEEGER cited the First Amendment before the HCUA and challenged the HCUA'S power to inquire into his beliefs and associations.

On May 21, 1957, AUSA BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA FOLKNER that SEEGER had been arraigned on April 1, 1957, and released on \$1,000 bail.

AUSA BJORK further advised on May 21, 1957, that numerous motions for dismissal of the charges against SEEGER had been filed by SEEGER and these motions were to be heard on May 27, 1957, by Judge LAWRENCE E. WALSH, United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

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On July 12, 1957, AUSA BJORK advised SA FOLKNER that Judge LAWRENCE E. WALSH had denied the motions for dismissal made by SEEGER.

These motions were heard on May 27, 1957, and the reason given for dismissal was that the motions were multiplicitus.

AUSA BJORK further advised that Judge WALSH had requested the Assistant United States Attorney to file briefs on August 6, 1957, to show cause why the charges against SEEGER should not be dismissed in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Watkins Case.

On November 6, 1957, AUSA BJORK advised SA FOLKNER that on October 30, 1957, Judge WALSH denied the motions to dismiss filed by SEEGER.

AUSA BJORK stated that the date of trial had not been set by Judge WALSH.

On January 8, 1958, AUSA BJORK advised that he had received information that witnesses for the contempt of Congress proceeding would not be available until Congress convened in January, 1958.

AUSA BJORK stated that the date for trial had not been set and that he was awaiting further information as to the exact date witnesses would be available.

IVI - MISCELLANEOUS

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 16, 1957, page six, column five, announced that PETE SEEGER and his five string banjo would act as host at an open house and hootenanny folk sing program on Friday night at 8:30 PM at the Pythian Hall, 135 West 70th Street, New York City, "Sing Out" Magazine was to sponsor the program.

On April 22, 1957, T-12 advised that he attended a hootenanny at Pythian Hall, 135 West 70th Street, New York City, on April 19, 1957, and among the folk singers and entertainers present was PETER SEEGER.

T-13 furnished the Spring, 1956 issue of the song book entitled, "Sing Out", which was described on the cover as a "People's Artists Publication."

On page two it was stated that the 1956 copyright was by People's Artists, 124 West 21st Street, New York City.

On May 20, 1957, T-13 furnished the Spring, 1957 issue of the song book "Sing Out." On page two it was stated that the 1957 copyright was by "Sing Out", 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

On May 14, 1957, EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Legal Department, New York Telephone Company, New York City, furnished information to SA ROBERT D. WARDEN that PETE SEEGER was then vice president of Sing Out, Inc.

The records of the County Clerk, New York County, reflect that Sing Out, Inc., filed incorporation papers in New York State on February 28, 1957.

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Generally the purpose of the organization, as listed in the incorporation papers, is to deal in all phases of the entertainment business, including producing, supplying entertainers, acting as agent for entertainers as well as conducting business of music publishing.

A confidential informant advised on November 25, 1957, that by letter dated March 14, 1957, People's Artists, Inc., advised the Amalgamated Bank, 11-15 Union Square, New York City, that at a Board of Directors meeting of People's Artists held on March 14, 1957, a resolution was passed that all of the current assets and liabilities of People's Artists were to be sold to Sing Out, Inc., and that a duly authorized bill of sale be drawn up.

The information furnished by this confidential informant is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

IRWIN SILBER, who was an officer of People's Artists, Inc., and is now president of Sing Out, Inc., by letter dated April 10, 1957, advised the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, that People's Artists, Inc., is no longer a legal entity and all past copyrights have been assigned to Sing Out, Inc.

In the letter he wrote that this signifies a change in the corporate structure and that they are now doing business as Sing Out, Inc.

The records of the New York Telephone Company as furnished by EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Legal Department, on May 14, 1957, reflect the officers of Sing Out, Inc., as follows:

member Music II Section C.P. June 1957

President

IRWIN SILBER

Vice President

PETE SEEGER

Secretary

ANNE WAYNE

*12-12-56 EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY People's Artists
INC.*

*Treasurer People's
Artists, Inc. 12-12-56*

*member Music II Section C.P.
June 1950*

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A confidential informant advised on December 12, 1956, that IRWIN SILBER was Executive Secretary and ANNE WAYNE was Treasurer of People's Artists, Inc., in 1956.

A confidential informant has advised that IRWIN SILBER and ANNE WAYNE were members of the Music II Section of the CP in New York City in June, 1950.

BEN BLUMENREICH, Renting Agent, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, advised on December 2, 1957, that Sing Out, Inc., occupies Room 631, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 10, 1957, page 7, column one, announced that PETE SEEGER, King of the 5 String Banjo, and one of America's best known folk singers, was to be the featured artist at a concert to be held Sunday, May 19, 1957.

The affair was being sponsored by the Metropolitan Music School and was to be held at the Pythian Hall, 135 West 70th Street, at 2:30 PM. The proceeds were to go to the school's scholarship fund.

"The Worker" issue of September 8, 1957, page 12, column five, announced that folk singer PETE SEEGER was to head the bill at a hootenanny song-fest the coming Friday night, September 13, 1957, at the Chateau Gardens, Houston Street and Second Avenue.

The hootenanny was being sponsored by "Sing Out", described as a folk music magazine.

Some of the young Americans who attended the recent World Youth Festival in Moscow were to appear in the folk song concert.

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"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

On September 30, 1957, T-14 advised ^{that} on September 13, 1957, he attended the "Hootenanny" at the Chateau Gardens, Houston Street and Second Avenue, New York City. There were about 2,000 people present and a large crowd was gathered at the entrance.

T-14 further advised that PETE SEEGER was among the entertainers on the stage of the Chateau Gardens.

T-14 stated that a group of eight boys and girls who had attended the World Youth Festival in Moscow, sang a few songs and one of the girls spoke for about fifteen minutes on what the Americans did at the festival in Moscow and how enthused she was over the reception the Russians gave them.

On July 30, 1957, T-15 advised that during the months of June and July, 1957, CRAIG STEPHAN VINCENT and JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT, San Cristobal, New Mexico, were in correspondence with PETE SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacar, New York.

On September 18, 1957, T-16 advised that during the months of August and September, 1957, CRAIG STEPHAN VINCENT and JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT, San Cristobal, New Mexico, were in correspondence with PETE SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

T-17 advised on October 11, 1953, that he has been acquainted with CRAIG VINCENT and his wife, JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT, the former owners and operators of the San Cristobal Valley Ranch for approximately three and a half years and that both of them were known to him as members of the CP.

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T-17 stated that the ranch in the past was used as a meeting place for policy making CP groups.

On October 15, 1957, T-18 advised that the "PETE SEEGER Concert" sponsored by the Detroit Labor Forum (DLF), was held on September 28, 1957, at the Central Young Women's Christian Association, Witherell and Montcalm, Detroit, Michigan.

The admission to this affair was \$1.50 and the attendance was estimated at approximately \$1,000.

T-18 further advised that at approximately 8:25 PM, an announcer appeared on the stage and told the audience that this would be the only interruption of the evening. A list of future activities to be presented by the DLF was then read off, followed by the introduction of SEEGER.

The concert by SEEGER ended at approximately 11:30 PM.

On April 5, 1955, T-19 advised that the DLF was the name used by the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Union of America (SUA) to conceal the true identity of the SUA.

T-19 advised on November 8, 1954, that the SUA was founded by the minority group which broke away from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority group believed that the organization should enter the CP and other left wing groups with the intention of swinging these groups right or left, thereby making a revolution possible in a shorter time.

The SUA was formally founded by what was called the Midwest Founding Conference held November 21, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as checked by request of SA AUGUST J. MICEK in December, 1957, failed to reflect any record identifiable with the subject.

On January 7, 1958, SAM WOOD, Chief, Beacon New York Police Department, advised SA NAGLE that his records fail to reflect any information concerning the subject.

Confidential informants, who are familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the New York City area, advised during December, 1957 and January, 1958, that they had not know PETE SEEGER and could furnish no information concerning him.

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APPENDIX

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METROPOLITAN MUSIC SCHOOL, INCORPORATED

The Metropolitan Music School, Incorporated, (MMS) catalogue for 1955-1956 reveals that the school was founded in 1935 and is a non-profit cooperative, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

A confidential informant advised on November 16, 1954, that he believes the school was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. This informant advised on November 2, 1954, that he was of the impression that the MMS was always in the hands of the Communist Party (CP). The school's director, LILLY POPPER, was known to informant as a CP member.

The "New York Times," April 10, 1957, issue, page 18, carried an article which reads in part as follows:

"A subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities began four days of public hearings here (NY) yesterday on charges of Communist infiltration of the music world.

"Eleven witnesses from the Metropolitan Music School, 18 West 74th Street, refused to answer questions about past or present membership in the Communist Party. They were the school's director, president emeritus, registrar, two other officials and six teachers."

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Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Boardman.....
Mr. Belmont.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Parsons.....
Mr. Rosen.....
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Mr. Trotter.....
Mr. Nease.....
Tele. Room.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Miss Gandy.....

*UNITED STATES v. PETER SEEGER (S.D. N.Y.)

Indictment was returned on March 26, 1957, by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York, charging the defendant with contempt of Congress in his refusals to answer pertinent questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment on the basis of the Supreme Court ruling in the case of United States v. Watkins was denied by the District Court.

Information included in Internal Security Division
Monthly Status Report for December, 1957.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1/14/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

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SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa.
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DATE 8/22/99 BY 60212 JLS/PLM

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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 11/22/57, captioned
"MARTIN YARUS, was., SM-C", Bufile 100-382983, NY file
100-106209, cc Bufile 100-241970 and Bufile 100-200845.

On 11/6/57, AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised
SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that on 10/30/57, Judge LAWRENCE E.
WALSH, USDC, SDNY, denied the Motions to Dismiss filed by
MARTIN YARUS, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and PETER SEEGER.

AUSA BJORK stated the date for trial had not
been set by Judge WALSH; however, AUSA BJORK was of the
opinion it would start in January, 1958.

AUSA BJORK further advised he had written to
Washington to determine the availability of witnesses for
the contempt of Congress proceeding and as of that time he
had not received this information.

On 1/8/58, AUSA BJORK advised SA WILLIAM L.
MC MURRAY, JR., that he had received information from
Washington that witnesses for the contempt of Congress
proceeding would not be available until Congress convened in
January, 1958. AUSA BJORK further advised that the
witnesses would probably be available sometime in February,
1958.

AUSA BJORK stated that the date for trial had
not been set and that he was awaiting further word from
Washington as to the exact date witnesses would be available.

The NYO will continue to follow this matter and
keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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New York (100-106209) (MARTIN YARUS)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: 1/6/58

FROM : A. K. Bowles

SUBJECT: VIRGIL L. STURGILL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. Virgil L. Sturgill visited the Laboratory January 3. He said he is a friend of Miss Edith Brobeck, Laboratory aide in document section. He was an instructor in the Ashland, Kentucky, schools twenty years ago when Miss Brobeck worked in the office of the school board.

Mr. Sturgill said he is presently employed in the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Hospital. From 1946 to 1956 he was employed in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Oteen, North Carolina. Mr. Sturgill said he is very much interested in folk singing.

Mr. Sturgill said about four years ago he came to the Bureau to report some information he knew about the activities of Junius Scales, Communist leader in North Carolina. Since then he has read in the newspapers that Scales was convicted in Federal Court in North Carolina for Smith Act violation. He wanted to know whether Scales was serving a sentence now. After checking with the Domestic Intelligence Division, Mr. Sturgill was advised that Scales's conviction was reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court and he will be tried again in Greensboro, North Carolina. This is public source information.

Mr. Sturgill said he also read in the newspapers that Pete Seeger, a folk singer from New York, had been called to testify before a Congressional Committee concerning Communist activities. Mr. Sturgill said he is acquainted with Pete Seeger through folk music circles. He did not volunteer any information concerning Seeger.

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Date: December 10, 1957

To:

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PETER SEEGER
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Reference is made to a letter from

Enclosed for your information is one
copy of a report concerning Peter Seeger, who is
believed identical with captioned individual. In
addition, there is enclosed one copy each of two
reports concerning Saunders Terry, with alias
Sonny Terry.

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Enclosures (3)

- 1 - Ottawa (For information)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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Review of these reports reflect both Seeger and Terry are similar-type entertainers and likewise reflect previous associations between the two. Enclosed report concerning Seeger is serial 39 of instant file and enclosed reports concerning Terry are serials 1 and 2 of 100-420094. This letter classified "Confidential" inasmuch as enclosed reports are so classified, it being noted these reports contain information the disclosure of which would be prejudicial to national defense.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

11/22/57

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, was.

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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 10/11/57.

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Mr. BJORK further advised he had written to Washington to determine the availability of witnesses for the Contempt of Congress proceeding and as yet he had not received this information.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

4- Bureau (RM)

(2- Bufile 100-382983)

(1- Bufile 100-241970)

(1- Bufile 100-200804) 100-200845

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

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ReNYlet to Director, FBI dated 8/19/57.

On 9/19/57 AUSA ROBERT BJORK advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that on 9/16/57 the attorneys for MARTIN YARUS, PETER SEEGER, and ELLIOT SULLIVAN had filed the briefs which JUDGE LAWRENCE E. WALSH, USDC, SDNY had instructed them to file.

Mr. BJORK subsequently advised SA FOLKNER, on 10/1/57 that JUDGE WALSH had not acted on the briefs filed by the attorneys for the defense and the US Attorney. According to Mr. BJORK a specific date had not been set by the Judge for his decision on the briefs.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

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MARTIN YARUS, was
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(OO: New York)

Rerep SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER, 3/18/57, NY, captioned
as above and NYlet to Director, FBI, 7/16/57.

On 8/13/57, AUSA ROBERT BJORK advised SA WILLIAM E.
FOLKNER that he had submitted briefs to Judge LAWRENCE E.
WALSH, USDC, SDNY, 8/6/57, to show cause why the charges against
MARTIN YARUS, PETER SEEGER and ELLIOT SULLIVAN should not be
dismissed in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme
Court of the United States in the Watkins Case, in compliance
with Judge WALSH'S instructions.

AUSA BJORK stated the defense counsel for YARUS,
SEEGER and SULLIVAN had not understood that they were to file
briefs, and Judge WALSH granted a continuance until 9/15/57,
for defense counsel to file briefs in behalf of their clients.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and
keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

- 4 - Bureau (100-382983) (RM)
 (1 - 100-241970) (Elliot Sullivan)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, was.

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Rerep of SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER, 3/18/57, at NY,
captioned as above and NY letter to DIRECTOR, FBI dated
5/28/57.

On 7/12/57, AUSA ROBERT BJORK, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM
E. FOLKNER that Judge LAWRENCE E. WALSH, SDNY, had denied
motions for dismissal made by MARTIN YARUS, PETER SEEGER and
ELLIOT SULLIVAN.

The above mentioned motions were heard on 5/27/57
and the reason for dismissal was that the motions were
multiplicitus, according to Mr. BJORK.

Mr. BJORK further advised Judge WALSH had requested
the AUSA to file briefs on 8/6/57 to show cause why the charges
against YARUS, SEEGER and SULLIVAN should not be dismissed
in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court of
the United States in the WATKINS Case.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and
keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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5/28/57

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, was
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Rerep of SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER, 3/18/57, at NY,
captioned as above, and NY airtel to Director, 3/28/57,
captioned, "ELLIOT SULLIVAN, was; SM-C."

On 3/26/57, AUSA ROBERT BJORK, SDNY, advised that
an indictment for contempt of Congress had just been returned
in the SDNY against subject, PETER SEEGER, and ELLIOT SULLIVAN.

Mr. BJORK advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER on 5/21/57
that YARUS, SEEGER, and SULLIVAN had been arraigned on 4/1/57,
and released on \$1,000 bail.

Mr. BJORK further advised on 5/21/57, that numerous
motions for dismissal had been filed by the defendants and
the motions were to be heard on Monday, 5/27/57, by Federal
Judge LAWRENCE E. WALSH.

According to Mr. BJORK, the defendants, YARUS and
SEEGER, were represented by the law firm of MARTIN POPPER,
and defendant SULLIVAN was represented by Attorney DAVID
SCHRIBNER.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter
and keep the Bureau advised.

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for Peter Seeger
Bufile 100-200845
Rw 8/7/57*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107274)
SUBJECT: ELLIOT SULLIVAN, was
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ReNYlet to Bu, 2/13/57.

The "New York Daily Mirror", newspaper, dated 3/27/57, page 4, column 1, reflects under the caption "Indict Three For Balking At Red Quiz" that PETER SEEGER (Bufile 100-200845; NYfile 100-83801) MARTIN YARUS, with alias: George Tyne (Bufile 100-382983; NYfile 100-106299) and ELLIOT SULLIVAN, above, were indicted on the previous date, by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of Contempt of Congress.

According to the above article "Seeger was named in 10 counts and the two others in 13 counts each."

The above article discloses that the above individuals will be arraigned on next Monday and that they can receive a maximum of one year in prison and a fine of \$1,000.00 on each contempt count against them.

It was also reflected that YARUS, SEEGER, and SULLIVAN cited the First Amendment in their appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in August, 1955, and did not cite the Fifth Amendment.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised.

5-Bureau (100-241970) (RM)

(1-100-382983 MARTIN YARUS, WA)

(1-100-200845 PETER SEEGER)

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE FEB 21 1957	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/16, 18, 24, 25, 29-31; 2/5, 6, 8, 13-15/57	REPORT MADE BY ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. kid
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TITLE CHANGED PETER SEEGER, wa: Peter Bowers	CHARACTER OF CASE 019514 SECURITY MATTER - C
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SYNOPSIS:

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self-employed as a singer. Source advised in September, 1949, that subject was member of the CP. Subject identified as a CP member active in the Music II CP Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. Subject described as CP member from 1947 to 1949. Source advised that about 1948 subject gave speech to members of staff at Camp Lakeland, Hopewell Junction, NY, urging staff to join the CP. During April, 1951, subject described as always available for CP affairs as an entertainer. During period 1940 to 1957, subject appeared as entertainer at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450. During August, 1955, subject refused to discuss groups before which he had played when questioned by House Committee on Un-American Activities. On 7/25/56, subject cited for contempt by House of Representatives for his refusal to answer

This is an FBI investigative report and makes no recommendation for clearance or disapproval.

AGENCY <i>Kah</i>
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DATE FORW. <i>8-1-67</i>
HOW FORW. <i>8-15-67</i>
BY <i>W.P.</i>

AGENCY <i>116 RMP</i>
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. <i>12-10-57</i>
HOW FORW. <i>Kah</i>
BY <i>W.P.</i>

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

(SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE)

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D)

questions before the HCUA. Subject stated, "I think I had just better not say anything" when contacted by Bureau agents during May, 1953. Subject indicated ALP voting preference during 1952, 1953 and 1954.

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DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked changed to reflect the subject's alias as PETER BOWERS as revealed in the records of G-2, Department of the Army, and to delete the names PETE SEEGER and PETE BOWERS, which are variations of subject's true name and alias.

Individuals, organizations, institutions and publications designated by an asterisk (*) are documented in the Appendix of this report.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth

The records of the Board of Health, Borough of Manhattan, New York, reveal, under certificate number 20503, that PETER SEEGER was born May 3, 1919, at Manhattan, New York. The father was listed as CHARLES LOUIS SEEGER, born in Mexico City, 32 years of age and a musician. The mother was listed as CONSTANCE EDSON SEEGER, born in Colorado, housewife, and mother of two other children. The SEEGER residence was listed as Patterson, New York.

B. Marriage

The records of the Manhattan Marriage Bureau, ^{DUTCHESS JUNCTION} ~~BEACON~~ NY, checked by SA RICHARD JOHN KMIECIK on January 24, 1957, revealed that PETER SEEGER was married to TOSHI A. OHTA on July 20, 1943, at Manhattan, New York. The record listed the subject as white, age 24, a resident of Washington, D.C., born New York City, and occupation United States Army. The subject's parents were listed as CHARLES LOUIS SEEGER, born Mexico, and mother CONSTANCE EDSON, born USA.

The bride was listed as white, age 21, a resident of 129 MacDougal Street, New York City, born Munich, occupation fashion photographer. The parents were listed as TAKASHI OHTA, born Japan, and VIRGINIA HARPER, born USA. NY

The records revealed that this marriage was the first for each party and the witnesses were listed as JULIA BLAIR BARNWELL and JOHN SEEGER. NY

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C. Education

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, revealed the following education of the subject:

1924-1932	Grammar school Springhill, Connecticut (graduate)
1932-1936	High school Avon-Old-Farms, Connecticut (graduate)
1936-1938	Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts (non-graduate)

D. Military Service

A review of the Army Service Record, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 11, 1957, revealed that PETER SEEGER, Army Serial Number 34333466, was inducted into the United States Army on July 24, 1942, and entered on active duty on the same date at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was honorably discharged on December 14, 1945, as a Technician, 5th Grade, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, by reason of demobilization.

SEEGER served one year, two months and seven days in foreign service in the Central Pacific Theater of Operations and participated in the battles and campaigns of Eastern Mandates. SEEGER was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal.

There is no record of court martial or absence without leave. Character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of reserve service.

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E. Identification Record

The following is the identification record of the subject which appears in the files of the Identification Division of the FBI under number 754 610 A:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>
Army	Peter Seeger #23225466	7-24-42 Ft Mc Clellan Ala.

F. Residence

On February 8, 1957, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York.

G. Previous Residences

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, reveal the following previous residences of the subject:

1909½ First Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

5547 Kenwood
Chicago, Illinois -
(May 1, 1942, to May 6, 1942)
(Care of D. SCHMIDT)

5521 Cass Avenue
Detroit, Michigan -
(April 24, 1942, to May 1, 1942)
(Care of L. GILBREATH)

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Schroeder Hotel

~~Milwaukee, Wisconsin~~

(March 23, 1942, to April 4, 1942)
(Care of V. LAWLER)

4306 Sixth Avenue
New York City
(after May 6, 1942)

10001 Dallas Avenue
Silver Springs, Maryland
(March 14, 1941)

70 East 12th Street
New York City

130 West Tenth Street
New York City

23 Downing Street
New York City

27 Jane Street
New York City

647 Hudson Street
New York City

The subject's Army Service record reveals the following previous residence:

1942 Care of Pan American Union,
Washington, D.C.

On December 5, 1950, T-2, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that on November 24, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. PETER SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York City, indicated that they were no longer residing at this address and could be reached care of Cromwell Music, 129 West 52nd Street, New York, New York.

On December 14, 1955, T-3, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the subject and his wife and two children were residing off Route 9D, near Camp Beacon, Beacon, New York.

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H. Employment

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on February 8, 1957, to an unidentified male individual at Peoples Artists, Inc.,* 124 West 21st Street, New York City, revealed that the subject is a self-employed singer. This call further revealed that the subject acts as his own agent in regard to entertainment engagements and may be contacted for such purposes at Beacon, New York.

It is noted that the "New York Post," November 18, 1956, issue, contained an advertisement stating that PETE SEEGER would appear in his "only New York Concert this year" on February 1, 1957, at the Pythian Auditorium, 135 West 70th Street, New York City.

I. Previous Employments

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, revealed the following previous employment of the subject:

Checking clerk (1939)

Farmer, general day laborer (1940)

Singer and musician (self-employed)
(1940-1942)

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, reveal that the subject was employed from 1940 to 1942 by the Almanac Singers* as an entertainer. The records reveal that the Almanac Singers was a group of individuals, organized by the subject, which wandered around the United States entertaining by singing folk songs and songs written by members of this group.

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On October 28, 1952, T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Peoples Songs, Inc.* was organized about the early part of 1946 by PETER SEEGER and others. The informant advised that PETER SEEGER was editor from September, 1946, to October, 1947, Executive Director from June to October, 1947, and Chairman from November, 1947, to an unknown date.

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on October 6, 1954, to an individual who identified himself as the principal of the Downtown Community School, 285 East 11th Street, New York, New York, revealed that the subject was at that time a teacher at this institution and a member of "The Weavers," a professional singing quartet which periodically toured sections of the United States at that time.

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on October 6, 1954, to an unknown individual at the Registrar's Office, Columbia University, New York City, revealed that the subject at that time had a contract to teach a course in "American Folk Music and Its World Origins" for the Fall Semester at this institution.

On October 14, 1954, T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PETER SEEGER was an instructor of music at the Metropolitan School of Music,* 18 West 74th Street, New York City, at that time.

The 1955-1956 catalog of the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc. listed PETER SEEGER as a faculty member and instructor of American Folk Music and Its Origins.

It is noted that on November 14, 1956, T-6, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished a form letter, dated November 2, 1956, under the letterhead People's Artists, Inc., 80 East 11th Street, New York City,

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and signed by PETER SEEGER, "For People's Artists Executive Board." The letter stated that the Executive Board of People's Artists had reached a decision to dissolve the organization. According to the letter, the function of People's Artists when it was organized in 1949 was to carry forward the job of promoting folk music and that inasmuch as folk music is now popular, this was one basis for dissolving People's Artists.

II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

On September 12, 1949, HERMAN THOMAS, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, informant for the FBI for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954, for the government in the case of the United States versus JOSEPH KUZMA, ET AL, tried in United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, advised that PETER SEEGER was a member of the CP.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, self-admitted former CP functionary and managing editor of the "Daily Worker," advised on June 30, 1950, that PETER SEEGER was a member of the CP in 1949. BUDENZ advised that he obtained this information from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG* and V.J. JEROME.*

On April 30, 1953, T-4 identified PETE SEEGER as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950.

On December 13, 1954, JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, CP, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised that he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949.

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B. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On June 9, 1947, T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a petition addressed to Senators ROBERT F. WAGNER and IRVING M. IVES, Washington, D.C., captioned "Defeat the Union-Busting Bills." Appearing on this petition was the name PETER SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York City 12, New York. The petition stated that it was issued by the CP, New York State, 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, previously mentioned, advised on June 30, 1950, that he recalled the subject as a folk singer and believed that the subject entertained at a closed dinner session in honor of ELLA REEVE BLOOR, which was held in conjunction with the National Convention of the CP during 1944.

On September 23, 1955, T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who was a former employee at Camp Lakeland, Hopewell Junction, New York*, during the summers of 1948 and 1949, advised that in about 1948 the Weavers singing group entertained at Camp Lakeland on several occasions. According to T-8, the informant personally observed PETER SEEGER, after entertaining the staff, hand out cards to join the CP and give a speech urging the staff to join the Party.

During April, 1951, JOHN LAUTNER, previously mentioned, advised that PETER SEEGER, a singer, was always available for CP affairs as an entertainer.

On November 24, 1953, T-7 furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Peoples Artists, 799 Broadway, New York, New York, had obtained a one year subscription to the "Daily Worker"* which subscription expired on September 14, 1954.

On March 15, 1954, T-7 furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Peoples Artists, 799 Broadway, New York, New York, obtained three combination subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"* which subscriptions expired on March 22, 1954.

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On June 1, 1954, T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 26, 1954, a Marxist refresher study class met at Topanga, California.

It is noted that T-9 advised that he had been advised by ROBERT AMES that these classes were a preparatory step to entering the CP.

According to T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, ROBERT AMES was a CP member in May, 1947.

T-9 advised that included on the agenda of the above class was PETE SEEGER, guitarist, and it was stated that SEEGER would like to sing to this group of people and educate them to the Marxist theory. According to the informant, it was further mentioned that SEEGER would like to have the Topanga group subsidize his playing and singing. According to the informant, it was decided to give a party sometime in June, 1954, to collect funds for SEEGER.

During May, 1956, T-11, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and family corresponded with ARNOLD S. JOHNSON* during September, 1955, at which time birthday greetings were extended to JOHNSON.

On February 4, 1955, T-12, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the SEEGER family, Post Office Box 452, Beacon, New York, sent season greetings during December, 1954, to EUGENE DENNIS* and JOHN GATES*.

On January 6, 1955, T-13, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the SEEGER family, Box 452, Beacon, New York, sent season greetings to CARL WINTER* and IRVING POTASH* during December, 1954.

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C. Evidence of Activity Before CP Front
Groups as an Entertainer

The following is a list of events at which the subject appeared or was scheduled to appear as an entertainer or participant. All T symbol informants listed as sources in this section have furnished reliable information in the past. The date appearing in parenthesis beneath the T symbol is the date the information was furnished by the informant. All organizations listed as sponsors in this section are documented in the Appendix of this report.

The following characterizations are set forth concerning certain individuals set out as sources in this section:

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
T-14 (June 19, 1948)	National Convention of the National Conference on American Foreign Policy in Greece, June 5-6, 1948, Hotel Capitol, New York City	American Council for a Democratic Greece

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Observations by Special Agents of the FBI	Rally held October 24, 1945, at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City	American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
"Daily People's World," issue of October 22, 1947	Picnic held at Valley Park Country Club, Los Angeles, California	American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. (Southern California Chapter)
"Daily Worker" issue of August 24, 1948	Rally sponsored by American Labor Party, September 9, 1948, Yankee Stadium, New York City	American Labor Party (ALP)
"Daily Worker" issue of June 25, 1953	Peace Festival and Rally, June 28, 1953, Triboro Stadium, Randalls Island, New York City	American Labor Party
"Daily Worker" issue of March 3, 1954	"Lift Every Voice" to end discrimination in the Parkchester Housing Project, March 26, 1956, Manhattan Center, New York City	ALP, Bronx County
T-15 (May 18, 1954)	ALP rally, May 6, 1954, Manhattan Center, New York City	ALP

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Worker" issue of June 17, 1954	Kings County ALP rally, Aperia Manor, 813 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, June 15, 1954	ALP, Kings County
"Daily Worker" issue of April 7, 1954	Rally for Trade and Peace with China, April 3, 1954, UE Hall, Chicago, Illinois	American Peace Crusade
"Daily Worker" issue of September 5, 1940	Caucus held by Southern Delegates of American Peace Mobilization, Chicago, Illinois, September 1, 1940	American Peace Mobilization
"Daily Worker" issue of May 21, 1947	Rally for Greece, May 28, 1947, New York City	American Relief for Greek Democracy
"Daily Worker" issue of March 6, 1947	Choral and Folk Music of USA and USSR, March 16, 1947, New York City	America - Soviet Music Society
"Daily Worker" May 24, 1946 issue	Veterans Conference, May 5, 1946, Central Plaza Annex, 40 East Seventh Street, New York City	American Youth for Democracy (AYD)

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Worker" issue of March 18, 1948	American Youth for Democracy Square Dance, March 19, 1948, 163 Bleecker Street, New York City	AYD
T-16 (April 13, 1954)	Book Fair, California Labor School, San Francisco, California, April 10, 1954	California Labor School (CLS)
T-17 (September 24, 1954)	"Folk Music Forum," October 2, 3, 1954, CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
T-18 (July 14, 1954)	1954 Spring Term of CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
T-19 (September 1, 1954)	1954 Summer Term CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
T-17 (September 13, 1954)	1954-1955 Fall Term, CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
T-20 (November 2, 1955)	Folk Festival, October 30, 1955, 37 Elgin Street, San Francisco, California	CLS

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T-20
(September 18,
1956)

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T-21
(June 1, 1956)

T-22
(October 19,
1956)

Event

Concert at Scottish
Rite Auditorium,
San Francisco,
California, October
6, 1956

Informal
entertainment,
August 14, 1955,
Camp Woodland, Inc.,
Phoenicia, New York

PETE SEEGER Concert,
May 25, 1956,
Orchestra Hall,
Chicago, Illinois

Recital on songs
of America and the
Soviet Union on
occasion of
greeting double
anniversary of
United States - USSR
diplomatic relations
and the emergence of
the Soviet Union on
the world scene,
November 10, 1956,
Milda Hall, 3142
South Halstead,
Chicago, Illinois

Sponsor

CLS

Camp Woodland,
Phoenicia, New York

Chicago Council of
American-Soviet
Friendship

Chicago Council of
American-Soviet
Friendship

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Event

Sponsor

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 5,
1946

Entertainment at
Town Hall, September
15, 1946, staged by
People's Songs, Inc.,
New York City

Civil Rights Congress
(CRC)

T-23
(June, 1949)

Rally entitled
"Hail New China
Ally for Peace,"
June 16, 1949,
City Center Casino,
New York City

Committee for a
Democratic Far Eastern
Policy

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 26,
1950

Meeting entitled
"Spotlight on Asia,"
featuring SEEK HUN
KIM, North Korean
diplomat, October 9,
1950, Hotel Diplomat,
New York City

Committee for a
Democratic Far Eastern
Policy

"Daily Worker"
issue of
May 17, 1953

Rally, "Culture
Fights Back, 1953"
May 20, 1953, Hotel
Capitol, New York
City

Committee to Defend
J. V. Jerome
v. J.

"Daily Worker"
issue of
May 22, 1953

STEVE NELSON
Dinner, May 22,
1953, Manhattan
Towers Hotel, New
York City

Committee to Defend
Steve Nelson

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Source

Event

Sponsor

~~T-24~~
(June 1, 1954)

Rally in behalf of
PAUL ROBESON, May
26, 1954,
Renaissance Ballroom,
137th Street and
Eighth Avenue, New
York City

Committee to Restore
Paul Robeson's Passport

"Daily Worker"
issue of
March 29, 1946

Supper held March
31, 1946, 201 West
72nd Street, New
York City

Community Club,
Thomas Jefferson
Section, CP, New York
State

~~T-25~~
(March, 1947)

Party held at
Jefferson School of
Social Science, 201
West 72nd Street,
New York City,
March 15, 1947

CP, West Midtown
Club

"Daily Worker"
issue of
June 20, 1947

Alberton Section
Housewarming,
June 20, 1947,
Bronx, New York

CP, Alberton Section

"Daily People's
World" issue
of November 8,
1947

Halloween Party for
children of Communist
workers and their
friends

CP, South Side and
62nd Assembly District
Sections, Los Angeles,
California

"Daily Worker"
issue of
April 13, 1948

May Day Rally,
April 30, 1948,
Graham Auditorium,
Newark, New Jersey

CP, Essex County,
New Jersey

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Source

"Daily Worker"
issue of
February 18,
1949

"Daily Worker"
issues of
April 28, 1949,
and May 5, 1949

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T-26
(September 27,
1956)

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Event

"Pete Seeger at
Greatest Youth
Party of the Year--"
February 19, 1949,
77th Street and
Fifth Avenue, New
York City

"Now Is the Time"
show in honor of 12
indicted Communist
leaders, Panel Room,
13 Astor Place, New
York City, April 30,
1949

Meeting, November
14, 1953, 19 High
Street, Boston,
Massachusetts

Dance and cocktail
party, 1949 or 1950,
hotel located
between 70th and
80th Streets, New
York City

"Get Together for
Peace," January 14,
1950, Jewish
Community Center,
1475 Williams
Street, Denver,
Colorado

Sponsor

CP, Lower East Side
Youth Section

Cultural Division
of CP

Creative Arts Workshop

"Daily Worker" Fund
Raising Affair

"The Denver Friends
of Peoples Artists,
Inc. of New York"

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Event

Sponsor

T-27
(December 26,
1956)

Concert, Pythian
Theater, New York
City, January 13,
1957

Downtown Community
School

T-28
(January 17,
1957)

Conference on "Self-
Defense Against
Unconstitutional
Intrusions," Biltmore
Hotel, New York City,
January 30, 1957

Emergency Civil
Liberties Committee
(ECLC)

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 6,
1940

Assembly of 1800
Washingtonians and
Emergency Peace
Mobilization Delegates,
Turners Arena,
Washington, D.C.,
September 4, 1940

Emergency Peace
Mobilization

"Daily Worker"
issue of March
10, 1954

International
Women's Day, March
13, 1954,
Yugoslav-American
Cooperative Home,
Inc.*, New York City

Families of the Smith
Act Victims

T-29
(January 9,
1956)

Christmas-Chanukah
Children's Party,
December 18, 1955,
1400 Girard Avenue,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

Friends and Families of
the Smith Act
Defendants

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Event

Sponsor

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Concert by PETER SEEGER, September 24, 1954, Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California

Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council

Annual dinner, March 13, 1949, Hotel Astor, New York City

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

"Daily Worker" issue of November 25, 1948

Second Concert for Children, November 27, 1948, New York City

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

"Daily Worker" issue of June 1, 1950

Jefferson School Carnival, June 3, 1950, New York City

JSSS

"Daily Worker" issue of February 16, 1954

Lecture on "Work Songs and Ballads," February 16, 1954, Jefferson School, Sixth Avenue and 16th Street, New York City

JSSS

"Jewish Life" issue of November, 1955

Festival of Music on Jewish Themes, December 2, 1955, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, New York

"Jewish Life"

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Sponsor

"Daily Worker"
issue of
April 1, 1949

Joint Anti-Fascist
Refugee Committee
Caucus-for-Peace,
Manhattan Center,
New York City, April
4, 1949

Joint Anti-Fascist
Refugee Committee
(JAFRC)

T-30
(October 4,
1953)

"Evening of Folk
Songs," October 9,
1953, Yugoslav-
American Cooperative
Home, Inc., 405
West 41st Street,
New York City

Labor Youth League
(LYL)

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 9,
1949

LYL meeting,
Manhattan Center,
New York City,
September 9, 1949,
in protest of "violence"
at PAUL ROBESON's
Peekskill Concerts

LYL

"Daily Worker"
issue of
February 3,
1954

Second National
Convention, Rally
and Jamboree,
February 19, 1954,
Hunts Point Palace,
Bronx, New York

LYL

T-31
(May 5, 1954)

"An Evening with
Pete Seeger,"
May 1, 1954,
Yugoslav-American
Cooperative Home,
Inc., New York City

LYL

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Worker" issue of May 7, 1954	PETE SEEGER concert, May 7, 1954, Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc., New York City	Manhattan LYL
T-32 (May 4, 1955)	Party and dance, April 30, 1955, 229 Seventh Avenue, New York City	Student Division LYL
T-5 (May 24, 1956)	"An Afternoon of Folk Songs with Pete Seeger," May 13, 1956, 135 West 70th Street, New York City	Metropolitan School of Music, Inc., New York City.
"Daily Worker" issue of March 24, 1941	Meeting of League of American Writers (date and location not reflected), entertain- ment by PETE BOWERS and the Almanac Singers*	League of American Writers

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T-33
(November 16,
1955)

"Daily Worker"
issue of
February 4, 1954

"National
Guardian" issue
of October 3,
1955

T-34
(March 28, 1956)

"National
Guardian"- New
York Edition,
issue of April
13, 1953

Event

"Seventh Annual
Festival of
Nationalities,"
featuring PETE
SEEGER, November 12,
1955, Milda Hall,
3140 South Halstead,
Chicago, Illinois

"National Guardian"
Winter Ball,
February 11, 1954,
Manhattan Center,
New York City

PETE SEEGER folk
Song concert,
November 1, 1955,
Washington School
Auditorium, Berkeley,
California

Concert of Music
and Dance, April 17,
1956, Carnegie Hall,
New York City

"Folk - Concert
Ensemble," April 17,
1953, New York City

Sponsor

Midwest Committee
for Protection of
Foreign Born

"National Guardian"

"National Guardian"

"National Guardian"

National Lawyers
Guild

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Source

Event

Sponsor

~~T-35~~
(February 20,
1956)

National Lawyers
Guild National
Convention,
February 10-13,
1956, Hotel Statler,
Detroit, Michigan

National Lawyers
Guild

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 27,
1953

Peace rally,
September 27, 1953,
Carnegie Hall, New
York City

National Council of
Arts, Sciences and
Professions, Inc.

"Daily Worker"
issue of
September 15,
1953

ROSENBERG-SOBELL
dedication rally,
September 16, 1953,
Randalls Island
Stadium, Randalls
Island, New York City

National Committee to
Secure Justice in the
Rosenberg Case

~~T-36~~
(April 13, 1954)

Dance and social,
3514 Franklin
Avenue, St. Louis,
Missouri

National Negro Labor
Council, St. Louis
Chapter

~~T-37~~
(November 15,
1955)

Nationality Festival,
November 13, 1955,
Lazak's Hall, Bates
Street, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania

Nationality Committee
of Western Pennsylvania

"Daily Worker"
issue of
April 5, 1948

"Show Time for
Wallace," April 5,
1948, Cafe Society
Downtown, New York
City

National Council for
American-Soviet
Friendship

~~T-38~~
(April 13, 1953)

PETE SEEGER concert,
April 10, 1953,
Peoples Art Center,
St. Louis, Missouri

Neighborhood Folk
Chorus

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Source

Event

Sponsor

"Daily Worker"
issue of April
23, 1947

Meeting called by
"New Masses" featuring
GERHARDT EISLER,
April 28, 1947, New
York City

"New Masses"

"Daily Worker"
issue of
August 16, 1947

"New Masses" Labor
Day Weekend,
September, 1947,
The Allaben,
Mapanock, New York

"New Masses"

~~T-4~~
(April 15, 1953)

"All Fools
Hootenanny," April
4, 1953, Webster
Hall, 119 East 11th
Street, New York City

Peoples Artists,
Inc., New York City

~~T-4~~
(October 22,
1953)

Hootenanny,
September 26, 1953,
Pythian Hall, New
York City

Peoples Artists,
Inc.

~~T-39~~
(January 6,
1954)

Hootenanny,
December 24, 1953,
Manhattan Center,
New York City

Peoples Artists,
Inc.

~~T-40~~
(June 24, 1954)

Hootenanny,
June 19, 1954,
Manhattan Center,
New York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

"Daily Worker"
issue of March
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"All Fools
Hootenanny,"
April 2, 1955,
Pythian Hall, 135
West 70th Street,
New York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"National Guardian" issue of May 9, 1955	"Children's Hootenanny with Pete Seeger, Gil Green---May 7---Peoples Artists Studio---" New York City	Peoples Artists, Inc.
"Daily Worker" issue of May 10, 1955	Spring Fever Hootenanny, May 14, 1955, the Pythian, 135 West 70th Street, New York City	Peoples Artists, Inc.
"Daily Worker" issue of September 21, 1955	Hootenanny, September 24, 1955, The Pythian, 135 West 70th Street, New York City	Peoples Artists, Inc.
"Daily Worker" issue of March 26, 1948	"Un-American Hootenanny," March 26, 1948, Irving Plaza, 15 Irving Place, New York City	People's Songs
"Daily Peoples World" issue of November 6, 1947	Rally protesting loyalty tests in Congressional probes, November 12, 1947, Los Angeles, California	Progressive Citizens of America (Broyle Heights Chapter)

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Peoples World," issue of January 1, 1948	Progressive Citizens of America Birthday Cabaret, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, January 10, 1948	Progressive Citizens of America
T-41 (October 3, 1955)	Progressive Party Testimonial Dinner in honor of HENRY BEITSCHER*, October 1, 1955, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Progressive Party
"Daily Worker" issue of April 27, 1955	Union Square May Day Rally, April 29, 1955, Union Square, New York City	Provisional Workers and Peoples Committee for May Day, 1956
"Daily Worker" issue of March 19, 1950	Bazaar, March 17, 18, 19, 1950, 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City	School of Jewish Studies, New York City
T-42 (December 21, 1953)	"Songs with Pete Seeger," December 18, 1953, Essex Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	South Philadelphia Committee to Aid the Smith Act Victims
T-43 (November 15, 1955)	Folk song function featuring PETE SEEGER, November 2, 1955, Cosmopolitan Hotel, 360 South Westlake, Los Angeles, California	Southern California Arts, Sciences and Professions Council

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 60px;"></div>	Appeared on platform of May Day Parade, May 1, 1946, New York City	United May Day Committee
"Daily Worker" issue of July 29, 1953	Music Festival, July 31 - August 9, 1953, White Lake Lodge, White Lake, New York	White Lake Lodge
T-44 (July 18, 1955)	Holiday entertainment, April 3, 1955, Wingdale Lodge, Wingdale, New York	Wingdale Lodge, Inc.
"National Guardian," issue of September 5, 1955	"Labor Day Weekend--- at Wingdale Lodge--- Featuring Pete Seeger," September, 1955	Wingdale Lodge, Inc.
T-45 (November 26, 1949)	Second National Convention, Young Progressives of America, Towne Club, Cleveland, Ohio, November 24-27, 1949	Young Progressives of America

D. Evidence of CP Front Group Affiliations
Other Than as an Entertainer

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, reveal that the subject was Secretary of the Harvard Student Union, a chapter of the American Student Union*, while in attendance at Harvard University.

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The catalog of the JSSS for the fall term, 1946, listed PETE SEEGER as among new lecturers at the JSSS.

On June 19, 1953, T-46, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 13, 1953, a musical review entitled "Courage is Contagious," a National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions Field Theater Production, was presented for the "National Guardian" at the Danish Auditorium, 1359 West 24th Street, Los Angeles, California. According to information furnished by the informant, PETE SEEGER was among the individuals who wrote the various songs used in this production.

During August, 1953, T-47, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that PETER SEEGER, care of Peoples Artists, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City, was a subscriber to the "National Guardian." According to the information furnished by the informant, SEEGER's subscription would expire during March, 1954.

On February 7, 1955, T-48, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the Winter 1955 issue of "Sing Out!" the official quarterly publication of Peoples Artists, 124 West 21st Street, New York City, listed PETE SEEGER as a staff member.

On October 19, 1955, T-49, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that Peoples Artists, Inc., 124 West 21st Street, New York 11, New York, forwarded a check for twenty dollars to the Student Division, LYL, 229 Seventh Avenue, New York City, at which time the LYL was informed by Peoples Artists that PETE SEEGER had asked that this contribution be made.

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On May 7, 1956, T-50, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that PETER SEEGER, Box 328 Beacon, New York, contributed three dollars as a continued pledge for a three month period to the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born*, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York, for the defense of the American Committee.

On May 20, 1956, T-51, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject was a sponsor for the Veterans Against Discrimination of the Civil Rights Congress of New York.*

E. Miscellaneous

CP Affiliation

During August, 1951, T-52, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 19, 1951, ESTHER JACKSON* stated that PETE SEEGER had fallen out of favor with the CP recently for playing before a segregated audience in Washington, D.C., knowing at the time he accepted the engagement that it was this type of audience. According to the informant, ESTHER JACKSON stated that SEEGER seemed to "like money more than Party principles."

During June and July, 1954, SYLVESTER GREGORY PASCHAL, Chicago, Illinois, a self-admitted member of the CP since 1944, advised that while in New York City in 1948 and 1949 he became a member of "Peoples Songs" which promoted folk songs and had a CP cell within its membership. According to PASCHAL, PETE SEEGER, Beacon, New York, was a member of "Peoples Songs."

House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Testimony and Citation

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 19, 1955, contained an article which revealed that PETER SEEGER had appeared before the HCUA on August 18, 1955, which

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committee held hearings at the Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York City, on Communist activities in the theater, radio, television and in unions of entertainers. According to the article, SEEGER refused to discuss the groups he had played before.

The article further stated that SEEGER refused to answer questions about his alleged associations with the Civil Rights Congress*, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief*, American Peace Mobilization*, American Peace Crusade*, CLS*, Jefferson School of Social Science*, LYL*, Peoples Songs*, Peoples Artists* and the Cultural Division of the CP.

The article stated that SEEGER did not invoke the protection of the Fifth Amendment even after he was warned he faced contempt proceedings and insisted that the committee had no right to ask about his associations.

The July 26, 1956, issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker," a daily newspaper published in Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Spring Road, Beacon, New York, singer of American ballads and banjoist, was among eight persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for contempt. The article stated that SEEGER, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by a HCUA in New York City as it investigated possible Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

Peekskill Riots*

On December 19, 1949, T-53, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PETE SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York, New York, was among the individuals who filed notice of intention to file a claim

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against New York State as a result of the riots on August 27, 1949, and September 4, 1949, at Peekskill, New York, at the so-called PAUL ROBESON concerts. According to the informant, SEEGER filed claim for property damage.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 29, 1949, page 13, column 3, announced that Charter Records, a "Progressive record company," produced a record known as the "Peekskill Story" with HOWARD FAST* as narrator and featuring PETE SEEGER and the Weavers.

Interview

On May 8, 1953, the subject was interviewed by SA HEINZ H. EISELE and SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD at Dutchess Junction, New York. The subject upon being advised of the identity of the agents and the purpose of the interview was to discuss his previous affiliations, stated: "I think I had just better not say anything."

American Labor Party

The records of the Dutchess County Board of Elections, reviewed by SA HEINZ H. EISELE, revealed that PETER SEEGER listed a voting preference for the ALP for the years 1952, 1953 and 1954.

III. DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of the subject obtained from the records of G-2, Department of the Army, background sources mentioned in this report and personal observations by SA HEINZ H. EISELE on May 8, 1953:

Name	PETER SEEGER
Alias	Peter Bowers
Address	Dutchess Junction Beacon, New York

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PETER SEEGER - SUMMARY

Occupation	Self employed as singer of folk songs
<u>Date and Place of Birth</u>	May 3, 1919 New York, New York
Height	6'1"
Weight	143 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Slim
Complexion	Fair, face pimpled
Scars and Marks	Rather prominent red nose
Race	White
Sex	Male
Marital Status	Married
Spouse	EILEEN TOSHI OHTA SEEGER
Relatives	CONSTANCE SEEGER - Mother CHARLES L. SEEGER - Father CHARLES L. SEEGER - Brother JOHN SEEGER - Brother
Military Service	United States Army
<u>FBI Number</u>	ASN 34335466 745 610 A
Photograph	Available

APPENDIX

DOCUMENTATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS
INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Those organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are designated by a double asterisk (**).

Those organizations, institutions and publications cited by the HCUA "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," (and appendix), revised, dated May 14, 1951, are designated by a triple asterisk (***).

ALMANAC SINGERS***

"1. 'Communist entertainers.'

"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p.97.)"

~~AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN**~~

~~AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF, INC.**~~

~~AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR A DEMOCRATIC GREECE**~~

~~AMERICAN LABOR PARTY~~

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the ALP a struggle for power among three groups. These were the CP, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the CP emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, and the Hudson River Valley; Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties; and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the CP was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. The informant knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

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Another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1956, that the CP then, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the ALP, constituted the force that controlled it.

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State chairman, ALP, announced the ALP state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE**

AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION**

AMERICAN RELIEF FOR GREEK DEMOCRACY***

- "1. 'The headquarters of this Communist front is located at 111 West Forty-second Street in New York City. * * * Eighteen of the sponsors of the American Relief for Greek Democracy are either directors or sponsors of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.'

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp.168 and 169.)"

AMERICAN-SOVIET MUSIC SOCIETY***

- "1. 'An affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p.323.)"

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AMERICAN STUDENT UNION***

"2. 'A Communist Party front organization for the indoctrination of American students in colleges and universities in the United States.'

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1943, p. 115.)"

AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY**

HENRY BEITSCHER

On March 28, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that HENRY BEITSCHER was Political Action Director in charge of CP political activities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as of March 12, 1956.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL
321 Divisadero Street
San Francisco, California**

CAMP KINDERLAND
CAMP LAKELAND

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Camp Kinderland and Camp Lakeland are adjacent to one another and are located at Hopewell Junction, New York, having been founded about 1924. Camp Lakeland is a summer camp for adults, while Camp Kinderland is a summer camp for children.

"The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist newspaper, of April 29, 1956, described Camp Kinderland as "a children's camp combining progressive Jewish culture with interracial living."

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Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Camp Lakeland was known by him to have been controlled by the CP and to have contributed money to the CP in the past. The informant advised on June 22, 1956, that due to the camps' present financial difficulties, the camps have not been in a position to make contributions to the CP as they had in the past.

Page five of the "Daily News," a New York City daily newspaper, for April 16, 1956, contains information to the effect that Camps Lakeland and Kinderland are managed by DAVID GREENE, a "notorious Communist Party member."

CAMP WOODLAND, INC.,

Also known as:

Camp Woodland

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 20, 1954, that Camp Woodland was founded in the late 1930's or early 1940's by NORMAN STUDER. He stated that NORMAN STUDER was a CP member, and that the camp was frequented by many CP members during the 1930's and early 1940's, but that during this period, there was no other indication that the camp was controlled by the CP.

An advertisement appeared in the "New York Times Magazine," April 29, 1956, page 72, which included the following:

"WOODLAND, Phoenicia, NY, an Interracial
Camp Where Children Live and Grow
Happily Together"---"NORMAN STUDER,
Director, 853 Broadway, NYC."

Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 8, 1954, that DOROTHY WILSON, whom informant knew to have been a CP member for many years, had recently referred to Camp Woodland as a "progressive camp."

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

On May 1, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship is an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship**.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS**

COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR
EASTERN POLICY**

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND STEVE NELSON

On November 18, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Committee to Defend Steve Nelson is an outgrowth of the Civil Rights Congress activities in behalf of STEVE NELSON.

COMMITTEE TO RESTORE PAUL ROBESON'S
PASSPORT

The Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport was originally formed as the Provisional Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport, with an address of Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, New York 27, New York, according to a mimeographed letter dated in May, 1954, issued by the Provisional Committee.

According to a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, this committee was formed for the purpose of launching a campaign for the restoration of PAUL ROBESON's passport, which had been denied him for the past four years, by the State Department, and its activities were launched at a rally on May 26, 1954, at the Renaissance Casino in New York City.

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Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 10, 1954, that many Communists were in attendance at the aforementioned rally.

Another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 3, 1954, that this committee was then located at the office of the Council on African Affairs, Incorporated**, Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, and was then dominated and controlled by the Council on African Affairs, Inc.

It is to be noted that the Council on African Affairs, Inc. has dissolved and is no longer in existence.

The latter informant advised on December 9, 1955, and on April 26, 1955, that the Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport, although it continued to maintain desk space at Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street and was listed as a tenant at Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, had not been active for the past year and at present it was in a dormant status.

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

On February 26, 1953, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Creative Arts Workshop, 19 High Street, Boston, Massachusetts, was directed by LEO RAVINOVITZ, known to the informant to be a member of the CP District Number One, Boston, Massachusetts. The informant advised that the Creative Arts Workshop was infiltrated by CP District Number One, Boston, Massachusetts.

DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD

"1. 'The official organ of the Communist Party on the west coast.'

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"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, January 3, 1941, p. 10.)"

"DAILY WORKER"

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS, former National Secretary of the CP, was convicted on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

DENNIS was released from the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on March 1, 1955, and is presently out on bond awaiting trial under the membership provisions of the Smith Act of 1940.

"THE DENVER FRIENDS OF PEOPLE'S ARTISTS INC. OF NEW YORK"

See People's Artists, Inc.

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1947 that the Downtown Community School was then a non-profit organization incorporated in New York in October, 1944. The Downtown Community School was originally organized by a group of parents and educators to meet the needs for an elementary school in their community. It was opened September 26, 1944, and tuition was \$400.

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Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 20, 1945, that the Downtown Community School at that time was Communist controlled.

On November 10, 1949, EUGENE DENNIS was examined in supplementary proceedings in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to ascertain what assets DENNIS might have to satisfy a fine of \$10,000 levied against him on October 21, 1949, by Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA.

This fine was levied in connection with DENNIS' conviction under the Smith Act. DENNIS testified that his seven year old son attends the Downtown Community School on East 11th Street, New York City. DENNIS also testified that he had been General Secretary of the CP, USA, since July, 1946.

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of October 8, 1951, page 1, columns 4 and 5, in an article entitled "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee," reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purpose of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgment of these liberties in politics, education, and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than 50 members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

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A confidential informant, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on October 21, 1955, furnished information reflecting that the CP felt that help should be extended in building a "united front civil liberties organization" in the United States which, while not led by the "left," would contain labor, liberal and "left forces" within it in a commonly agreed program, including defense of the rights of Communists.

The information further indicated that the CP felt that this aim can best be achieved by helping the ECLC to become a national organization with local chapters operating on the basis of its programs.

The headquarters of the ECLC is located at 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

EMERGENCY PEACE MOBILIZATION***

"1. 'The American Peace Mobilization * * * was formally founded at a meeting in Chicago at the end of August 1940, known as the Emergency Peace Mobilization.'

"(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7684.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which came forth, after Stalin signed his pact with Hitler, to oppose the national defense program, lend-lease, conscription, and other American 'war-mongering' efforts. It immediately preceded the American Peace Mobilization in 1940.

"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, pp. 105, 156, and 169.)"

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"3. 'Among the more conspicuous Communist fronts that have defied brazenly the interests of the United States and other freedom-loving nations whenever they have been in conflict with the interests of Soviet Russia and world Communism.' At its Labor Day week-end meeting held in Chicago in 1940, it gave the name of American Peace Mobilization to the front, American League for Peace and Democracy.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 67 and 1950.)"

FAMILIES OF THE SMITH ACT VICTIMS**

HOWARD FAST

On October 18, 1950, JOHN LAUTNER, former chairman of the Review Commission of the New York State CP, advised that HOWARD FAST was a member of the National Cultural Commission, CP, USA, in 1947.

The December 22, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 1, column 2, carried an article entitled "Howard Fast Awarded Stalin Peace Prize." In this article FAST was described as one of the publishers of the "Daily Worker."

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF THE SMITH
ACT DEFENDANTS

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On October 14, 1954, [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who at that time was closely associated with several of the wives of the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants, advised that the Families

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and Friends of the Smith Act Defendants was organized in 1953, for the purpose of raising funds for the defendants and publicizing the Philadelphia Smith Act trial.

On February 14, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Friends and Families of the Smith Act Defendants held Christmas-Chanukah parties in 1953, 1954 and 1955, and does not function except during the Christmas season.

On January 9, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at the 1955 Christmas-Chanukah party held December 18, 1955, BARBARA ROBERTS and PAULINE MOSS collected funds to pay the expenses of the party.

On July 18, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BARBARA ROBERTS was at that time Club Organizer of a CP club in the 4th Congressional District Region, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

On July 19, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAULINE MOSS had recently been made organizer of a club in the 47th-29th Ward Section, 4th Congressional District Region, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

JOHN GATES

On October 14, 1949, JOHN GATES was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

On July 2, 1951, GATES was incarcerated to begin serving a five year sentence for the above conviction. At the time of his incarceration, GATES was a member of the National Commission, CP, USA, and editor of the "Daily Worker."

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On March 1, 1955, GATES was released from the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, upon completion of sentence for the above conviction.

HOLLYWOOD ARTS, SCIENCES AND
PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

On January 4, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that until January 3, 1956, the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council was the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions*** in New York City and consistently followed the program and policies of the parent organization.

On January 3, 1956, the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council office dissolved by action of its executive committee and vote of its membership.

ESTHER JACKSON

On May 27, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that although it was not a secret that ESTHER JACKSON was a CP member, the CP did not want to publicize it.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

ARNOLD S. JOHNSON

On January 24, 1953, ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. He was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal and incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Petersburg, Virginia, on January 31, 1955.

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"JEWISHLIFE"***

"1. 'Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications.' Published by the Morning Freiheit Association, Inc.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 49 and 225.)"

JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

V.J. JEROME

V.J. JEROME was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and was incarcerated in the United States Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE**

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS**

VITO MARCANTONIO

VITO MARCANTONIO was the former ALP Congressman from New York City and the New York State Chairman of the ALP.

VITO MARCANTONIO died on August 9, 1954.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC, INC.

The Metropolitan School of Music catalog for 1953-1954 states the school was founded in 1935 and is a non-profit cooperative school, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

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Corporation records, County Clerk's Office, New York City, reflect that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc. filed for incorporation on August 31, 1944.

On November 16, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that she believes the school was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. The moving spirit of this school seemed to be the CP. The school was principally engaged in teaching music, but provided jobs for CP musicians and hired CP musicians as instructors. Building funds were raised from CP people. Practically all the instructors were either CP members or closely associated with the Party. The school received favorable reviews in the "Daily Worker." This source advised that she has no information concerning the school's activities or personnel since 1948.

On November 2, 1954, the above source advised that she had the impression that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc. was always in the hands of the CP. The school's director, LILLY POPPER, was known to this source as a CP member.

On November 12, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that approximately seven or eight years ago, at a Queens County CP meeting, an announcement was made suggesting to comrades that if anyone was interested in taking up music or singing he should patronize this school.

The "Daily Worker" issues of February 9, 1954, page 7, column 1, and February 16, 1956, page 16, reflect that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc., 18 West 74th Street, New York City, continues to operate and hold concerts.

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MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF
FOREIGN BORN

On May 8, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that since May 1, 1955, the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been, and still is, the midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born**.

NATIONALITY COMMITTEE OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 12, 1955, that the Nationality Committee of Western Pennsylvania is not an organization as such. It is merely an administrative committee composed of JOSEPH RUDIAK and JOSEPH MANKIN, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, and both District Number 5 CP members. The source advised that in his opinion RUDIAK and MANKIN have been assigned by the CP to work in the nationality groups and that they are responsible for the functions of the so-called committee. The source stated that this committee has no membership and its purpose is to work among the various nationality groups in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area in an effort to place in effect the policies of District Number 5, CP.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The

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ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American," advised in January, 1952, that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP**
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES AND
PROFESSIONS, INC.***

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

"(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 2.)"

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN";
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a

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publication, launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394)

The Masthead of the "National Guardian," issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 197 East Fourth Street, New York City.

NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD***

"Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

"(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the National Lawyers Guild, House Report No. 3123, September 21, 1950 (originally released September 17, 1950).)"

NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL**

NEIGHBORHOOD FOLK CHORUS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has described the Neighborhood Folk Chorus as a CP front group in St. Louis, Missouri.

"NEW MASSES"***

"Until its recent merger with Mainstream, the New Masses has been the weekly journalistic voice of the Communist Party. Its first appearance was as a monthly. As the Masses,

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"it was suppressed by the United States Government for its subversive policies.' Mainstream was launched by the Communist Party in January 1947, dealing with the field of literature and creative arts.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 160, and 1948, p. 340.)"

PEEKSKILL RIOTS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in the fall of 1949 that the Peekskill disorders (Peekskill riots) of August 27, 1949, and September 4, 1949, in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by PAUL ROBESON. The source stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1950, that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

PEOPLE'S ARTISTS, INC.***

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392.)"

PEOPLE'S SONGS***

"1. Cited as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City. 'All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization.'

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"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392.)"

IRVING POTASH

IRVING POTASH was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, October 14, 1949, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. He was released from federal penitentiary on December 9, 1954, upon completion of his five year term.

POTASH was arraigned in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on December 10, 1954, on charges of violation of the membership section of the Smith Act of 1940.

On March 4, 1955, POTASH was (voluntarily) deported to Poland and on June 21, 1955, the outstanding indictment against him was nolle prossed.

PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA***

1. Cited as a 'new and broader Communist front for the entire United States' formed in September 1946 at the direction of 'Communist steering committees' from the 'Communist-dominated National Citizens Political Action Committee' and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 369, and 1948, p. 354.)"

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

The National Committee, CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July, 1953,

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states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1953 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great people's Party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs," mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted CP functionary, testifying in the case "UNITED STATES VS. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

PROVISIONAL WORKERS AND PEOPLES COMMITTEE
FOR MAY DAY 1955

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 17, 1955, that the Provisional Workers and Peoples Committee for May Day 1955 was a continuation of the United May Day Committee and United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day as it was called in other years and had for its purpose the CP function of organizing the May Day rally held at Union Square, New York City, on April 29, 1955.

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The source continued that the May Day Committee in the past few years, under various names, has made the "technical" move of dissolving itself after each May Day and forming a new committee with a new name and new officers for each succeeding May Day. The purpose of this maneuver, according to the source, is to establish the various May Day committees as ad hoc committees, each of which is separate and distinct from the other and thereby attempt to avoid hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES,
NEW YORK CITY **

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO AID
SMITH ACT VICTIMS

On December 21, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the South Philadelphia Committee to Aid Smith Act Victims held a meeting on December 18, 1953, at the Essex Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. According to this source, the main speakers were STEVE NELSON and DAVID DAVIS. The purpose of this meeting was to combat Smith Act trials in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

STEVE NELSON and DAVID DAVIS have both been convicted for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

On May 17, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that this organization has not been active since the December 18, 1953, affair.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARTS, SCIENCES AND
PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

See documentation on Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.

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ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG

The records of the Clerk of the Court, Criminal Division, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, reflect that on July 31, 1956 (following a jury trial, United States District Judge ALEXANDER BICKS presiding), ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG was found guilty of violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The above records reflect that on September 17, 1956, Judge BICKS imposed a one year sentence on TRACHTENBERG as a result of his conviction on July 31, 1956.

The records of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, reflected that on November 17, 1956, a notice of appeal was filed on behalf of TRACHTENBERG. Following the entry of this notice of appeal, Judge BICKS granted a defense motion to continue the defendants in "UNITED STATES VS. ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, ET AL" on their present bail.

ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG is currently free under \$10,0000 bail.

UNITED MAY DAY COMMITTEE **

VETERANS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF THE
CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS OF NEW YORK**

WHITE LAKE LODGE, INC.

In the April 12, 1948, edition of the "Times Herald," a Middletown, New York, newspaper, appeared an article which read in part:

"...the Ben Gold Fur Workers Health and Welfare Fund...will operate a huge furrier summer camp... known as the Ben Gold Health Resort...on a 250 acre tract of land covering all of Amber Lake and most of White Lake..."

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According to the records of ARTHUR N. MEYERS, County Clerk, Sullivan County, New York, the Fur Workers Resort, White Lake, New York, was recorded as doing business on May 21, 1949. Mr. MEYERS' records reflect that on June 4, 1953, a deed between the Ben Gold Fur Workers Health and Welfare Fund and the White Lake Lodge, Inc., was filed.

On March 27, 1955, an article appeared in the "New York Times" entitled "Leftist Fur Union Undergoes Purge." In part, this article read:

"The Left-Wing International Fur and Leather Workers Union began going through an anti-Communist meat grinder last week.

"The fur union, expelled from the Congress of Industrial Organizations five years ago on charges of Communist domination, became part of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, AFL, a month ago.

"MAX BLOCK, International Vice-President of the meat union, disclosed that his union already had started a quiet program to 'de-communize' the furriers. The first casualty was the fur group's huge summer camp at White Lake, New York.

"Mr. BLOCK said he was convinced that the camp served as a Communist indoctrination center, in which swimming and tennis were incidental to Marxist 'education' courses. With the approval of PATRICK E. GORMAN, Secretary Treasurer of the meat cutters, Mr. BLOCK ordered the camp closed for this year.

"He said it had become part of the property of the Amalgamated under the merger agreement. He added that it would be put up for sale. If no adequate offer is received, the camp will be re-opened in 1956 or 1957 without any 'educational' trimmings, Mr. BLOCK declared..."

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WINGDALE LODGE, INC.
Formerly known as Camp Unity

On May 27, 1953, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the CP since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

The "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of August 6, 1953, page 8, column 1, described Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, as an "adult interracial resort."

On March 17, 1955, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had learned that the name of Camp Unity was being changed to Wingdale Lodge with offices at 202 West 40th Street, Room 605, New York City.

On April 27, 1956, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that regardless of the name it uses, the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was, and still is, a joint operation of the national office of the CP and the New York State CP.

CARL WINTER

CARL WINTER was one of the eleven CP leaders convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA

HERBERT ROMERSTEIN, a self-admitted former Communist and Young Progressives of America (YPA) member, in testimony before a sub-committee of the Committee of the Judiciary, United States Senate, on April 12, 1951, and June 12, 1951, stated that YPA was set up on the basis of

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the needs of the CP. YPA members were active within the organization as Communists and the organization was developed along CP lines. ROMERSTEIN also related that YPA leadership was composed of CP members. He further testified that the founding convention of the YPA was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1948.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 24, 1955, that the YPA sponsored a concert by PAUL ROBESON on January 6, 1955, held in Townsend Harris Auditorium, City College of New York.

Concerning PAUL ROBESON, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1950, that ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

The first above-mentioned informant advised on January 31, 1956, that the YPA applied for a charter at City College of New York, but that same was declined and that the YPA could not function on the campus of the City College of New York.

A confidential informant, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on March 14, 1956, advised that the YPA, as of this date, maintained a group at the City College of New York.

YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN COOPERATIVE HOME, INC.**

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Previous employment

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CP membership

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"All Fools Hootenanny"

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Hootenanny, NYC

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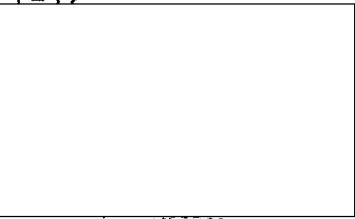
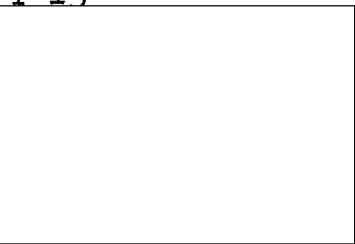
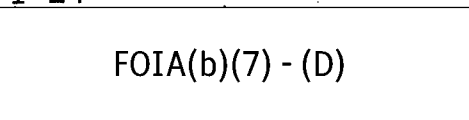
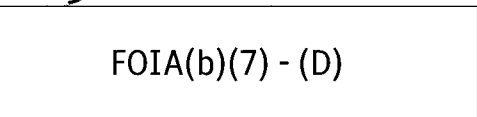
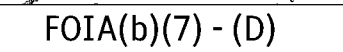
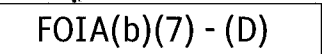
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T-22 FOIA(b) (7) - (D)		CG 100-3810-1B9 (582)
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The following informants were utilized as sources in the documentations appearing in the Appendix of this report. These sources are set forth in the order of their utilization in connection with the various documentations.

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HENRY BEITSCHER

Camp Lakeland

Camp Woodland

Chicago Council of
American-Soviet
Friendship

Committee to Defend
Steve Nelson

Committee to Restore
Paul Robeson's
Passport

Creative Arts
Workshop

Downtown Community
School

Emergency Civil
Liberties Committee

Friends and Families
of the Smith Act
Defendants

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Hollywood Arts,
Sciences and
Professions
Council

ESTHER JACKSON

Metropolitan School
of Music

Midwest Committee
for Protection of
Foreign Born

Nationality Committee
of Western
Pennsylvania

National Committee to
Secure Justice in the
Rosenberg Case

Neighborhood Folk
Chorus

Peekskill Riots

Provisional Workers
and Peoples Committee
for May Day 1955

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LOUIS F. BUDENZ

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South Philadelphia
Committee to Aid
Smith Act Victims

Wingdale Lodge, Inc.

Young Progressives
of America

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LOUIS F. BUDENZ

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The pretext telephone call on November 5, 1956, referred to in this report, was a telephone call made by SA BEN CUNNINGHAM under the pretext of sales.

The pretext telephone calls referred to in this report on October 6, 1954, were made by SA WILLIAM J. ROEMER under an unknown pretext.

It is noted that this source has advised that she has no objections to the revelation of her name, however, desires that her address be kept confidential.

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The pretext telephone call on 2/8/57 regarding subject's employment was made by SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. under pretext of an appointment.

Observation of the subject at a rally on 10/24/45 at New York City was made by SAS HOWARD LITTLE and EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

Howard
An FD 122 has been submitted recommending the subject's inclusion on the Security Index.

A suitable photograph of the subject is available.

The subject's Army Service record was reviewed by Investigative Clerk Edward J. Mergen.

On 2/13/57, AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK advised that on 2/8/57 the Federal Grand Jury in New York City had returned a True Bill against the subject for contempt and that he expected to take further action in the immediate future.

This case is being placed in a closed status, however, the office of the United States Attorney, SDNY, is being requested to advise the New York Office of the outcome of the above proceedings. The Bureau will be immediately advised of the results, which will in addition be included in the next report concerning the subject.

REFERENCE Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR., 12/21/56, NY.
Bureau letter to New York, 1/11/57.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/11/63

FROM : *788* SAC, HONOLULU (100-6317)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: New York)

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Re New York letter to Bureau 7/26/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are fifteen copies of a Letterhead Memorandum captioned as above. This number of copies is enclosed for Bureau inasmuch as New York letter of 6/24/63 enclosed that number of copies.

Copy of Letterhead Memorandum is also enclosed for New York, Office of Origin.

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HN T-1 in memorandum is [redacted] used to document JOHN KELLY, JR.

HN T-2 is [redacted] contacted August 26, 1963, by SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, original source this memorandum.

Also enclosed for Bureau and New York are fifteen copies and one copy, respectively, of informant evaluation memo.

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BY: *B. J. ...*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Honolulu, Hawaii
September 11, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
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PETER SEEGER

(6) The August 21, 1963, edition of the "Honolulu Advertiser," a daily newspaper of Honolulu, reported that PETE SEEGER, the folk singer, had arrived in Honolulu the day previous in a stop on a trip that would cover some twenty-two countries in ten months. The article noted that SEEGER would give concerts at the Orvis Auditorium at the University of Hawaii on August 22 and 24, 1963, and, after a five day stay, would move on to Western Samoa and then across the Pacific. The article related that SEEGER was accompanied by his wife, TOSHI, a Japanese-Caucasian woman born in Virginia, and their three children, son DAN, 17, and daughters MIKA, 15, and TINYA, 8. *Hawaii*

APPROX. 1955

APPROX. 1946

APPROX. 1945

(7) An article in the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin," another daily newspaper of Honolulu, on August 21, 1963, in writing of SEEGER's visit, pointed out that LARRY COTT, Executive Vice President of Imua, on two separate occasions had criticized SEEGER as being "active in the functions of the Communist Party since 1940" and said SEEGER "transmits the Communist Party line by way of his folk music". The article stated that SEEGER would neither confirm nor deny the charges and stated "but my religion and my politics are my own affair I refuse to be more specific than that."

On September 4, 1963, LARRY COTT, of Imua, an avowedly anti-Communist organization, reported that both of SEEGER's adult concerts at the University of Hawaii had been sellouts. SEEGER had also given a matinee at the University of Hawaii for children. COTT stated that at Saturday's program of August 24, 1963, SEEGER had sung a song which he described as recently copyrighted "folk" song by an anonymous friend in Berkeley. COTT stated that in reality the song was written by a publicly identified former Communist, MALVINA REYNOLDS, whose 1954 book of folk songs, many following the Communist line, had carried an introduction by SEEGER. COTT related that the REYNOLDS song, in his opinion, was low keyed propaganda to the effect that America is a land of conformity. SEEGER, according to COTT, also sang a piece from Japan about nuclear bombs; a song on American schools as institutions of

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indoctrination; and, as a finale, his own copyrighted song, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," according to COTT, inspired by a passage from the Soviet writer, MIKHAIL SHOLOKOW's "And Quiet Flows the Don".

COTT related that SEEGER's performances at the University had been greeted by members of the University of Hawaii Chapter of Young Americans for Freedom distributing a two-page pamphlet acquainting the audience in detail with SEEGER's association with the Communist Party and Communist Party front groups.

COTT stated that SEEGER and his family had been met at the airport by JOHN KELLY, JR.

Hawaii
On January 31, 1957, Honolulu T-1, a former member of the Communist Party from 1947 to 1951, identified JOHN KELLY, JR., as being a member of the Communist Party during this period.

Hawaii
On August 26, 1963, Honolulu T-2 reported that on the afternoon of August 23, 1963, PETE SEEGER had given an unannounced concert at the ILWU Memorial Hall at Honolulu. Several of the officials of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) had been in attendance. Before SEEGER started to sing, he had acknowledged AH QUN McELRATH in the audience, indicating that they were personal friends. Informant related that no charge had been made for the concert, and only about fifty persons were in attendance. At the conclusion of the performance, a collection had been taken for the purpose of buying leis for participants in the coming march on Washington.

On November 10, 1953, ROBERT McBURNEY KEMPA, a former member of the Communist Party in Honolulu from January, 1947, to June, 1953, identified AH QUN McELRATH as a member of the Communist Party in 1947, 1949, and 1951.

On August 27, 1963, Mrs. ANNALIE TAPIBOUET, Royal Grove Hotel, 161 Ulunui, reported that PETE SEEGER and his family had stayed at that hotel from August 20 to August 25, 1963, when they departed Honolulu for the Orient on a world tour. Mrs. TAPIBOUET stated that SEEGER's reservations had

RE: PETER SEEGER

been made at the hotel by JOHN KELLY, JR. Mrs. TAPIBOUET stated she did recall that shortly after SEEGER had arrived, he had telephoned to ROBERT McELRATH of the ILWU, but she had not observed any other pertinent contacts on the part of SEEGER.

Hawaii
On November 10, 1953, ROBERT MCBURNEY KEMPA identified ROBERT McELRATH as having been a Communist Party member in 1948.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Honolulu, Hawaii
September 11, 1963

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character

Reference Letterhead Memorandum dated
September 11, 1963, at Honolulu.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
American Embassy
Paris, 8, France

RA

Date: August 14, 1963

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To: Director, FBI (100-200845)

From: Legat, Paris (100-1871) (RUC)

Subject: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

ReBulet to State Department 7/1/63.

This is to advise that pertinent information regarding the subject's background and itinerary was furnished to

[redacted]
on 7/9/63.

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They were requested to advise us in the event the subject comes to their attention during his visit here. Subject has not as yet come to the attention of these agencies. In the event they receive any information of interest to the Bureau, this office will be advised.

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3 - Bureau (cc: Liaison)
1 - Paris
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8-14-63

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Bulet to Department of State, 7-1-63.

Enclosed are _____ copies of the following regarding subject:

Letterhead Memorandum dated _____

Communication dated _____

This information was received by Legal Attache _____

(date)

Source agency in letterhead memorandum or originator of communication is: _____

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Enclosed is classified _____

☐ By source.

☐ See Remarks:

Local distribution:

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Remarks: The above-checked sources were alerted to subject's travel on 7-10-63. Any information received will be reported.

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(1 - Liaison)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8-14-63

FROM : *W* Legal Attaché, Madrid (100-463) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReBulet to the Department of State dated 7-1-63.

Under date of 7-10-63 pertinent information regarding subject's travel to Europe was made available to

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

In view of information contained in New York letterhead memorandum dated 7-26-63 that subject definitely is not going to visit Spain during the tour, no further action appears necessary by Legat, Madrid.

4 - Bureau (1 - Liaison Section
1 - New York, 100-83801)
1 - Madrid
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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8/21

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8/14/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet 6/24/63 requesting WFO review subject's passport file.

Enclosed for Bureau and New York are 8 and 2 copies respectively, of LHM reflecting passport review conducted by IC JAMES W. MURRAY.

In addition to the information contained in the LHM, Mr. SEEGER's passport file reflects that on April 18, 1960, Mr. LEONARD B. BOUDIN, New York Attorney, telephoned Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Chief Consul, Legal Division, Passport Office, and inquired about the extension of subject's Passport Number 1780911, issued on 9/8/59, it being noted that it had been limited for one year or until 10/10/59, because subject was out on bail - contempt of Congress charge. Mr. BOUDIN stated that the passport had been issued after subject had obtained court permission to leave its jurisdiction, and he wanted to know if the restriction could be removed entirely.

By letter dated 4/20/60, Mr. JOHNSON advised Mr. BOUDIN as follows: "...I believe that to delete the time limitation placed in Mr. SEEGER's passport in accordance with Judge HERLAND's order you should submit a certified copy of an order vacating or modifying the restriction against his leaving the jurisdiction of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Upon receipt of this order we can take appropriate steps to extend the passport."

- 2- Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2- New York (100-83801)(Enc. 2)(RM)
- 1- WFO

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(5) Copy to CIA, Legats Tokyo, Rome, Paris, Bonn, London, by routing slip for info action
date 8/26/63 Page 46
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WFO 100-23658

On 4/20/60, Mr. BOUDIN forwarded subject's passport to Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., requesting that "the passport now be extended for the full statutory period of three years from September 8, 1959, and that the special limitation be removed from the passport."

On 5/5/60, Mr. JOHNSON again directed a letter to Mr. BOUDIN, advising him to "submit the order and we will remove the time limitation."

The next piece of correspondence in file is a letter dated 9/8/61, from Mr. BOUDIN to Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, which reads as follows:

"Dear Miss KNIGHT:

Some time ago I believe that we deposited with your office the passport of PETER SEEGER with the understanding that it would be returned and validated for travel whenever the court permitted such travel in the light of the indictment and pending appeal in Mr. SEEGER's case.

We are now in receipt from Mr. SEEGER's counsel, Wolf, Popper, Ross, Wolf & Jones, Esqs., of a motion made in the Court of Appeals granting Mr. SEEGER leave to leave the jurisdiction of the Southern District of New York and to travel to Europe, and of a letter from Mr. SEEGER's attorneys indicating that the motion was granted subject to the condition precedent that Mr. SEEGER appear upon notice.

Would you be good enough to return to us Mr. SEEGER's passport validating it for travel up to and including November 25, 1961."

On 9/19/61, Mr. JOHNSON directed a letter to Mr. BOUDIN advising him that inasmuch as subject's passport was originally issued on 9/9/59, it had expired and it would be necessary for subject to execute a renewal application.

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On 9/21/61, subject executed the renewal form indicating that he desired to travel to the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales) and the Netherlands for a five-week business trip. He indicated that he would depart from the Port of Montreal, Canada, by ship on October 13, 1961. He was scheduled to return by air. He listed his wife, residing at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, as the person to be notified in the event of death or accident. He listed his permanent residence and mailing address as being the same as his wife's. He advised that he had made "a dozen or more short trips - several days each - United Kingdom" from 9/20/59 to 10/9/59.

Copies of photo will be furnished New York by R/S.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
August 14, 1963

PETER SEEGER

File maintained for subject at Passport Office, United States Department of State, was reviewed on July 29, 1963, and contained following information:

Passport Number D453486 was issued to Peter Seeger on June 17, 1963. It is not valid for travel to Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under Communist control. It will expire June 16, 1966, and may be renewed for two years.

Application for passport was dated May 22, 1963, at Poughkeepsie, New York, and contained following information as indicated by subject:

He was born May 3, 1919, at New York, New York.
His permanent residence was Box 431, Beacon, New York.

15230 EARLHAM ROAD, PACIFIC PALISADES,
His parents were shown as:

~~MRS. ALICE~~
Father: Charles Lewis Seeger, born December 14,
1886, at Mexico City, Mexico.

Mother: Constance DeClyvver Edson Seeger, born
November 28, 1886, at Denver, Colorado.

~~MRS. ALICE~~
He was last married July 20, 1943, to Toshi-Aline
Ohta Seeger, born July 1, 1922, at Munich, Germany. Marriage
has not terminated. BOX 431, BEACON, N.Y.

~~MRS. PETER SEEGER~~
He intended to depart from the Port of San Francisco, California, on August 19, 1963, by air for a stay abroad of ten months for a "concert tour." Proposed itinerary was shown as: Australia, Japan, India, Africa, Israel, Italy, France,

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Greece, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Russia, Holland, Great Britain, and Denmark.

He was described as follows:

Height:	6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Musician

He listed his father, residing at 15230 Earlham Road, Pacific Palisades, California, as the person to be notified in the event of death or accident.

In applying for his 1963 passport, subject utilized form DSP-11 revised in December, 1961. Such form contains no statements or questions regarding Communist Party membership; however, it does contain a "warning" regarding provisions of Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Pages 3 and 4, one of which contains the "warning" were missing and, accordingly, it is not known whether or not subject actually saw the "warning."

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8/9/63

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (100-236) (P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Rebulet to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, dated 7/1/63.

Following sources in Japan have been alerted re possible visit of Subject:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Bureau will be advised of any pertinent information received from sources.

4 - Bureau
 (1 - New York, 100-83801)
 (1 - Foreign Liaison)
1 - Tokyo
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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8/14

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P*)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

DATE: 8/9/63

(OO: New York)

ReNYlets to Bureau, 6/24 and 7/26/63; Bulet
to State Department, 7/1/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
15 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting additional
information as to captioned subject's plans to travel
abroad.

No copies of this letterhead memorandum are
being included for other offices inasmuch as it is felt
all interested offices have previously been furnished
with pertinent data for their investigation.

The source mentioned in attached letterhead
memorandum is [redacted] which is [redacted]
[redacted] The information received was
obtained by SA THOMAS NOLAN, Jr. on 7/31/63.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

CC TO: [redacted]
REQ. REC'D: 3/20
MAR 24 1964
ANS.
BY: [redacted]

CC TO: [redacted]
REQ. REC'D: 7-18-64
JUL 25 1964
ANS.
BY: [redacted]

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1 - New York (

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by routing slip for [redacted]
date 8/19/63
info [redacted] action [redacted]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

August 9, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Peter Seeger

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following itinerary for Peter Seeger on his forthcoming world concert tour:

August - West Coast, Canada, Hawaii

September - Australia

October - Indonesia and Japan

November - Japan and India

December - Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Nygeria,
Ghanda, Guinea

January - Israel and Italy

February - Great Britian and Scandanavian countries

March - Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland

April - Poland and Czechoslovakia

May - Russia

June - return to New York via London

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)(-P*-)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C
(OO:NY)

DATE: 7/26/63

ReNYlet to Bureau, 6/24/63. Bulet to State Department 7/1/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and twelve copies and for San Francisco and Honolulu two copies each of a letterhead memorandum reflecting additional information as to captioned subject's plans to travel abroad.

Enclosed for San Francisco and Honolulu is one copy of NYlet dated 6/24/63, with accompanying letterhead memorandum and one copy of Bureau letter dated 7/1/63.

PETER SEEGER is on the NYO SI and his activities come within SI criteria.

The information received from the Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th St., NY, NY, which is the booking agency for captioned subject, was obtained through a pretext by SA JOSEPH E. MORAN on 7/24/63.

On 7/24/63, SA C. RICHARD STRAUCH determined through the Flight Information Office of Trans World Airlines that TWA has no flights leaving San Francisco going west.

LEADS

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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

At Honolulu, Hawaii

CC TO:	601
REQ. REC'D	8-15-63
AUG 27 1963	
AMS.	
BY:	Attorney Gen

Will verify subject's arrival in Hawaii on 8/20 or 21/63, and report in form suitable for dissemination of subject's

- 2 - Bureau (100-200845) (Encls. 13) (RM)
2 - Honolulu (Encls. 5) (RM) (AM)
2 - San Francisco (Encls. 5) (RM) (AM)
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activities, mode of travel, and itinerary.

SAN FRANCISCO

At San Francisco, California

Will determine subject's itinerary and mode of transportation as well as activities while in San Francisco 8/17-19/63, and report in form suitable for dissemination.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 26, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Information received from the Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th Street, New York, New York, which is the booking agency for Seeger, reflects that Seeger is presently on a concert tour in the United States and must be in San Francisco, California for a concert on August 17, 1963. He also must be in Hawaii on August 20 or 21, 1963. On his world concert tour which Seeger is scheduled to take after leaving San Francisco on or about August 19, 1963, he plans to visit Hawaii, Japan, Australia, Russia, Rumania, England, Italy, Eastern Europe, two African countries (which ones not yet known). Seeger is definitely not going to visit Spain on the tour. He will return to the United States in the Spring of 1964.

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Date 7/9/63

To

☒ Director

BU FILE # 100-200845

Att.

☐ SAC

Title PETER SEEGER

☐ ASAC

SM - C

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge
☐ Assign.....Reassign.....
☐ Bring file
☐ Call me
☐ Correct
☐ Deadline.....
☐ Deadline passed
☐ Delinquent
☐ Discontinue
☐ Expedite
☐ File
☐ For information
☐ Initial & return
☐ Leads need attention
☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case
☐ Prepare lead cards
☐ Prepare tickler
☐ Recharge serials
☐ Return assignment card
☐ Return file
☐ Return serials
☐ Search and return
☐ See me
☐ Send Serials.....
100-200845
☒ NOT Submit new charge-out
☒ Submit report by 7/23/63
☐ Type

ReBulet to Department of State 7/1/63.
Pertinent information re subject furnished
to on 7/9/63.

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Paris 100-1871 (P)

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☒ See reverse side

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SAC Norman W. Philcox
Office Legat. Paris

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Date 7/8/63

To

☒ Director (100-200845) FILE # 100-236

Att.

☐ SAC

Title PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

☐ ASAC

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☐ Clerk

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NYO LHM dated 6/24/63 this date disseminated to
following:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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SAC Harold L. Child, Jr.
Legal Attache
Office Tokyo

58 JUL 17 1963

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(SC) 100-200845 - 100

1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Krupinsky

Date: July 1, 1963

EX-102

Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to information previously furnished to you and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) concerning the captioned individual.

Enclosed for your Department and CIA is a copy of a memorandum dated June 24, 1963, concerning the contemplated travel abroad on the part of Seeger. No additional information has been received regarding his exact itinerary.

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attaches at Bonn, London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, and Tokyo for contact with appropriate security services to receive any pertinent information that they may develop regarding Seeger while he is in the areas covered by those Legal Attaches. However, this Bureau would appreciate any pertinent information that you may receive regarding Seeger in other countries where he may travel.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Enclosure

1 - Director (Enclosure)
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

(Route through for review)

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2-Tokyo (Enclosure)
2-Rome (Enclosure)
2-Paris (Enclosure)
2-Bonn (Enclosure)
2-London (Enclosure)
2-Madrid (Enclosure)
2-New York (100-83801)

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Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

ATTENTION: LEGAL ATTACHES, TOKYO, ROME, PARIS, BONN, LONDON,
MADRID, AND SAC, NEW YORK

Enclosed for the Legal Attaches is one copy of New York letterhead memorandum dated June 24, 1963. Legal Attaches are instructed to make every effort to develop through sources information regarding the subject including advance information concerning travel plans to countries other than those covered by you. [REDACTED]

The information contained in the enclosed memorandum may be furnished to your sources. For your information, only, the subject's name is included in the Security Index of the New York Office.

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

New York is instructed to take the necessary steps to ascertain further travel plans of the subject, his itinerary, and verification of his departure from the United States as well as his return. Submit the results of your investigation in form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

Subject's name is included in the SI. He was reported to be a member of the CP from approximately 1945 to 1949. From at least the early 1940's to the present time, he has appeared as an entertainer at numerous affairs sponsored by the CP and various CP-front groups. Letter classified "Confidential" because the enclosure is so classified on the basis that it contains information from informants, the unauthorized disclosure of which could possibly reveal the informant's identity and, therefore, be detrimental to the national security.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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6/26

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 6/24/63

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P*)

SUBJECT:

PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

CC TO: *Army*
REQ. REC'D *7-10-63*
JUL 26 1963
ANS. BY: *help* *di*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and 14 copies, and for WFO 2 copies of a LHM reflecting that the captioned subject plans to travel abroad and would depart from San Francisco, California, by Trans World Airlines on 8/19/63.

PETER SEEGER is on the NYO SI and his activities come within SI criteria. A suitable photograph of SEEGER is available in the NYO.

The source who furnished information on 5/16/62 concerning the subject entertaining at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship on 5/10/62 was [redacted] (file number where located - [redacted]).

The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" because it contains data received from [redacted] reflecting that the NYO has coverage of NY CP activities. The unauthorized disclosure of this information could reveal the source's identity and destroy the effectiveness thereof. This could seriously hamper investigation of subversive matters and thereby be injurious to the national security.

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- 2-Washington Field (Encls. 3) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-83801)

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1-CIA (enc)
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2-Madrid (enc)

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CC TO: *ON 1*
REQ. REC'D *8-15-63*
AUG 27 1963
ANS. BY: *Stettman*

NY 100-83801

LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will review the records of the Passport Office,
United States Department of State, for any additional
information regarding the subject.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

June 24, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau File 100-200845

New York File 100-83801

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Peter Seeger is a self-employed entertainer, being a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He resides at Dutchess Junction in Beacon, New York.

The records of the Dutchess County Clerk's Office at Poughkeepsie, New York, reveal that Peter Seeger of Beacon, New York, made application for a passport on May 22, 1963. The records further reveal that on September 8, 1959, Seeger was issued passport number 1780911, which has been submitted for cancellation. Seeger indicated when making application for passport that he intended to depart from San Francisco, California, on August 19, 1963, by Trans World Airlines, for the purpose of a concert tour and expected to stay for ten months. The countries he listed to be visited

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Re: Peter Seeger

are Australia, Japan, India, Africa, Israel, Italy, France, Greece, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Holland, Great Britain, Sweden and Denmark.

On September 12, 1949, Herman Thomas, a former member of the Communist Party (CP) of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954, advised that on September 9, 1949, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that Peter Seeger was a member of the CP in New York. On May 13, 1957, Thomas advised that it was his opinion that Mother Bloor, in her reference to Seeger on September 9, 1949, unquestionably meant that Seeger was then a member of the CP.

On December 13, 1954, John Lautner, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, CP, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised that he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949.

The "New York Times", on October 11, 1960, reflected Seeger was in attendance as a delegate at the First National Session of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, New York City, on October 10, 1960.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC):

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Re: Peter Seeger

"National Committee to Abolish the
Un-American Activities Committee

"Cited as a 'new organization' set
up in the summer of 1960 to lead and
direct the Communist Party's
'Operation Abolition' campaign.
Seven of the national leaders of
this group have been identified as
Communists.
(Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 1278 on the Truth About
the Film 'Operation Abolition', Part 1,
October 3, 1961, p. 5.)"

A source has advised that the NCAUAC
changed its name on March 3, 1962, to
include the word "House" in its name,
thereby becoming known as the
National Committee to Abolish the
House Un-American Activities Committee.

On May 16, 1962, a source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised Seeger
entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National
Council for American - Soviet Friendship held at
60th Street and Broadway, New York, New York, on
May 10, 1962.

The National Council for
American - Soviet Friendship
has been designated pursuant
to Executive Order 10450.

Peter Seeger, usually known as Pete Seeger,
is a white male who was born on May 3, 1919, in New
York City, New York. He is described as six feet one
inch, 145 pounds, slim build, brown hair, blue eyes
and fair complexion.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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July 1, 1963

FBI Liaison:

For Information Only

Re:

Peter Seeger
Born: May 3, 1919
Place: New York

Residence:

Box 431
Beacon, New York

FBI File No.:

100-200845

Washington Field Office:

100-23658

Passport No.:

D453486 issued June 17, 1963
at New York

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure:

San Francisco

Date of Departure:

August 19, 1963

Means of Transportation:

Air

Proposed Length of Stay:

Ten months

Countries to be Visited:

Around the world

Purpose of Trip:

Concert tour

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June 7, 1963

PT/L - Robert D. Johnson

Passport Matter: Peter Seeger

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On June 7, 1963 about 10:45 p.m. Mr. Leonard B. Boudin, MEXICO
New York attorney, telephoned to inquire as to the status of
the passport application executed by Mr. Seeger at Poughkeepsie,
New York, recently.

Mr. Boudin said that Mr. Seeger is a folk singer who is
contemplating a tour of some 25 countries. The tour is being
arranged by Harold Leventhal, a New York City theatrical agent.

About 12:30 p.m. Mr. Boudin again telephoned. He said the
following information might be helpful in considering Mr. Seeger's
application. In March 1963, Mr. Seeger performed at a reception
held at the Polish Embassy where he was introduced to Mrs. Chester
Bowles. Later he performed at a large concert where he met Mr.
and Mrs. Bowles. Mr. Boudin said that Mr. Seeger is very respect-
able and there was, no doubt, in his (Boudin's) mind that from a
cultural point of view it was distinctly in the U.S. interest to
facilitate Mr. Seeger's tour.

I told Mr. Boudin I would check and let him know.

Mr. Boudin told me he was leaving for Mexico on Sunday, next.

Mr. Orrin Bartlett, FBI Liaison, was orally informed of the
foregoing on June 7, 1963.

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- 1 - Mr. Krupinsky

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Peter Seeger, born May 3, 1919, in Manhattan, New York, is the subject of a security investigation of this Bureau. He is self-employed as an entertainer and singer of folk songs. His mailing address is Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York, and he resides at Dutchess Junction, New York.

Seeger was reported to be a member of the Communist Party (CP) from approximately 1945 to 1949. From at least the early 1940's to the present time he has appeared as an entertainer at numerous affairs sponsored by the CP and various CP front groups.

On March 26, 1957, an indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York charging Seeger with contempt of Congress in his refusal to answer pertinent questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on July 25, 1956. On March 29, 1961, he was found guilty and on April 4, 1961, he was sentenced to one year in prison on each of ten counts, the sentences to run concurrently. He was also fined the costs of the court action. Seeger appealed the sentence and was released on \$2,000 bond.

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On May 18, 1962, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction and dismissed the indictment on the grounds that it was defective and that it did not sufficiently allege the authority for the Congressional Committee's inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE SAC, NEW YORK:

[REDACTED] advised that Pete Seeger proposes to visit Australia in September, 1963. If you have not already done so, you should conduct an investigation regarding the proposed visit and furnish such information to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The subject's name is included in the Security Index. This case is maintained in a pending inactive status and New York is maintaining contact with the United States Attorney's Office for any information regarding the status of the subject's case. On March 27, 1963, the United States Attorney's Office at New York advised that the Department of Justice has not decided as to whether or not to pursue a reindictment of the subject. Letter is classified "Confidential" because incoming letter is so classified and the information regarding the subject's subversive activities is based upon information from confidential informants of continuing value to the internal security of the United States.

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Report of SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS at NY dated 4/2/62. ✓

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report is being disseminated to the USA, SDNY in accordance with a previous request of that office.

The subject has also appeared as a performer at numerous other concerts since the last report on this case but since none of these concerts were sponsored by subversive groups, they are not being mentioned.

Inasmuch as the status of subject's case has not been fully resolved as to whether the U.S. Gov't. intends to re-indict subject, this case is being carried in a pending

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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 3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 14. ☒ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
 7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) _____
information furnished by informants NY T-3, NY T-5 through NY T-8, NY T-11, NY T-12, NY T-14, and NY T-15, included in the report could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness and thereby be injurious to the national defense.
 8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
his conviction of contempt of Congress charge was reversed by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, NY, NY and case is presently under consideration by the Gov't. reindictment.
 9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in 5/54, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, Jr., 2/19/58 at NY). On 4/30/53, former ☐ who has furnished reliable information in the past, (cont'd)
 11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
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identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY)

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58 at NY)/

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On 2/12/60, [] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY).

On 4/30/62, [] advised SEEGER attended a council at 253 W. 73rd St., NY, NY, sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which council was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for Soviet - American Friendship, held at 60th St. and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be travelling through southern part of the U.S. giving a series of concerts.

On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from 9/55 until 9/62, made available a letter dated 12/7/62 in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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Report of: C. RICHARD STRAUCH
Date: 4/10/63

Office: New York, New York

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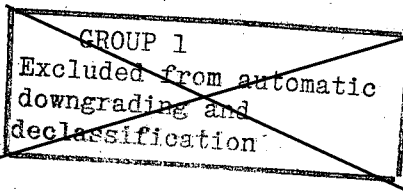
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Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides Beacon, NY, and is self employed as an entertainer. On 5/18/62, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, NY, NY, reversed subject's conviction on contempt of Congress charge and Gov't. has approximately one year from date of reversal to reindict subject. No further information received to date as to any change in status of subject's case. Informant advised subject attended function sponsored by U.S. Festival Committee, 4/25/62, Committee to Aid Monroe Defendants, 4/29/62, National Council for Soviet - American Friendship, 5/10/62, Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties, 6/7/62. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that subject would be travelling in the southern part of the U.S. giving a series of concerts. In 12/62 form letters mailed out under subject's signature asking for donation on behalf of NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On March 14, 1963, NY T-1 advised that PETER SEEGER continues to maintain Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York, and resides in Dutchess Junction, New York, just outside the city of Beacon. SEEGER is self employed as an entertainer, singer of folk songs.

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SUBJECT

On May 18, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney DAVID KLINGSBERG, Southern District of New York, New York, advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS that on that date, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals had reversed the subject's conviction and dismissed the indictment on the grounds that it was defective and that it did not sufficiently allege authority for the Congressional Committee's inquiry.

The "Worker" issue of May 22, 1962, page 5, column 1 - 4, carried an article entitled "Pete Seeger Wins Reversal" concerning the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversal of SEEGER's conviction on contempt of Congress charges.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

Assistant United States Attorney IRVING YOUNGER advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS on May 31, 1962, that, during the week prior to the reversal of SEEGER's conviction and the dismissal of indictment, he, Mr. YOUNGER, was in Washington, D.C., when the Supreme Court reversed the indictments in other contempt cases such as SEEGER's.

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Mr. YOUNGER stated that this made all such indictments invalid and that, even if the Government had won in the Court of Appeals, the Government would have had to confess error in SEEGER's indictment and dismiss it. Mr. YOUNGER advised that the Government has a little over a year in which to reindict and that the Department is deciding whether or not to pursue all the reindictments. Mr. YOUNGER stated that he did not know when the decision will be made.

Assistant United States Attorney ARTHUR ROSETT advised on October 16, 1962, that Mr. IRVING YOUNGER, who formerly handled the SEEGER case is no longer with them and that he, ROSETT, is now handling the case.

Mr. ROSETT stated that there has been no change in the status of the SEEGER case and that he does not know when a decision will be made. He stated that he will advise the New York Office promptly when a decision concerning the matter is reached.

On March 27, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney ARTHUR ROSETT advised that there has been no change in the status of the subject's case. He stated that as soon as a decision is reached concerning this matter, he will immediately advise the New York Office.

III. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Miscellaneous Activities of the Subject

On March 23, 1962, NY T-2 advised that on February 16, 1962, CARL HAESSLER paid PETE SEEGER \$100 which was for "B.D." and "Contempt Appeal".

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The above information is not to be made public except following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The source no longer has possession of the original material from which the above information was obtained.

The person to be subpoenaed for the above information is Mr. MC LELLAN MORFORD, Auditor, National Bank of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan.

CARL HAESSLER is characterized as follows:

JOSEPH Z. KORNFEDER, who has advised that he was a member of the CP, USA, 1919 - 1934, having been Anglo-American representative to the Comintern while attending the Lenin School, Moscow, Russia, 1927-1930, stated on February 19, 1945, that CARL HAESSLER was an old-time Communist originally from Chicago then New York. According to KORNFEDER, HAESSLER was one of the more respected members of the CP although not an open member.

The Pittsburgh Press, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daily newspaper, issue of April 17, 1962, contained an article concerning a concert of PETE SEEGER on April 16, 1962 at the First Unitarian Church, Shadyside. It was reported in the article that among the causes that SEEGER "cried into his guitar" were:

1. Friends who fought Franco in Spain in 1937 but who did not yield a foot to the Franco fascists.

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2. A yearning to live in Andorra where the government spends only \$4.90afor armaments in its defense.

3. Some satiric jabs at the money spent for the Polaris missile.

4. A knock at Christian countries where instead of cannibalism they have hangings.

5. A dirge about "some day we shall overcome, we walk hand in hand, -but I know some day we shall overcome".

NY T-3 advised on April 30, 1962 that on April 29, 1962, the subject attended a concert sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which was held at 253 West 73rd Street, New York, New York, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel.

A characterization of the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

"The Worker" issue of April 24, 1962, page 6, columns 3 and 4, contained an article entitled "Pete Seeger to Lead All-Star Concert This Wednesday". The concert was scheduled on April 25, 1962 to raise funds for the United States Festival Committee and was to be held at Palm Gardens, 310 West 52nd Street, New York, New York.

A characterization of the United States Festival Committee is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-4 on May 3, 1962 and NY T-5 on May 9, 1962, both advised that on April 25, 1962 at Palm Gardens, 310 West 52nd Street, New York, New York, the subject entertained at a jazz concert sponsored by United States Festival Committee.

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NY T-6 on May 15, 1962 and NY T-7 on May 16, 1962, made available information reflecting that the subject entertained at an affair sponsored by the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship which was held on May 10, 1962 at Saint Nicholas Arena, 60th Street and Broadway, New York, New York.

National Council of American - Soviet Friendship has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-8 on June 11, 1962 advised that on June 7, 1962, the subject entertained at a "rally to abolish the Mc Carran Act" sponsored by the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties which was held at Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street, New York, New York.

A characterization of the Citizens Committee is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-9 on June 18, 1962 advised that on June 14, 1962, at a victory celebration sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, Broadway and 53rd Street, New York, New York, the subject entertained.

A characterization of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committees is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

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On August 31, 1962, NY T-10 advised that on July 23, 1962 Camp Woodland Inc., paid PETER SEEGER \$50, the reason for which is not known.

The above information is not to be made public except following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The person to be subpoenaed in the above information is Mr. JAMES J. MORANO, Manager, First National Bank, 72 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

Camp Woodland is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-11, on September 5, 1962 made available a list of names which was obtained during various dates in August, 1962 and which names were on the partial membership mailing list of the Metropolitan Recreation Association. Among these names was that of "PETE SEEGER, Box 328, Beacon, New York."

A characterization of the Metropolitan Recreation Association is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-12 advised on October 6, 1962 that Tass News Agency, New York, New York, advised Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, that PETE SEEGER will be travelling through the southern part of the United States giving a series of concerts starting some time in October, 1962.

Tass News Agency is an official Soviet Government news gathering organization with headquarters in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, and branches throughout the world.

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NY T-13 on October 26, 1962 advised that on October 23, 1962 at Manhattan Center, New York, New York, the subject attended a rally to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, which rally was sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-13 advised on December 3, 1962 that on December 1, 1962 at New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee offices, New York, New York, volunteers worked in sending out letters signed by PETE SEEGER soliciting money for abolition.

The "National Guardian" issue of December 6, 1962, page 10, carried an article headed "Announcing Camp Webatuck ... Wingdale, New York", in which PETE SEEGER is listed as Advisor to Music Program.

The "National Guardian" is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

"Camp Webatuck" is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

"The Worker" issue of December 18, 1962, page 8, carried an article entitled "1,000 in Conn. Peace Rally" in which it was noted that PETE SEEGER was one of the entertainers at the Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, Connecticut, on December 17, 1962.

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NY T-13 on December 21, 1962, advised that as of December 17, 1962, the PETE SEEGER mailing for the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee had brought in \$781.

On January 2, 1963, NYTT-14 made available the following items which had been received by mail from PETE SEEGER, room 442, 150 West 34th Street, New York 1, New York.

1. a letter from PETE SEEGER dated December 7, 1962, urging financial support of the work of the New York Council to abolish HUAC.
2. pledge card and return envelope for contribution to the New York Council.

It is noted that the criss cross directory for the New York Telephone Company for the borough of Manhattan reveals that 150 West 34th Street is the address for the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

On January 11, 1963 ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the Communist Party from 1946 to 1949, and from September, 1955 until September, 1962, made available to SA COULTON a letter dated December 7, 1962 bearing the signature of captioned subject and seeking support to help build the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

This letter was in an envelope postmarked December 11, 1962 and addressed to: "Miss ETHEL NEWTON, 53 Barrow Street, New York 14, New York.

NY T-15 on January 9, 1963 advised that during the first week of December, 1962, he received a form letter on behalf of the New York Council to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which was signed by PETE SEEGER.

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"The Worker" issue of February 12, 1963, page 8, column 1 - 2, contained an article entitled "Queens College Head Irked by PETE SEEGER". This article noted that Dr. HAROLD STOKE, President of Queens College was backing down on an invitation to PETE SEEGER to perform at the First Queens College Fall Festival.

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APPENDIX

CAMP WEBATUCK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS
CAMP CALUMET; WINGDALE CAMP, INC.;
WINGDALE LODGE, INC.; CAMP UNITY;
WINGDALE ON THE LAKE, ALSO KNOWN AS

On May 27, 1953, a source advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the Communist Party (CP) since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

On April 24, 1956, a second source furnished an undated flyer entitled "The Wingdaler" published by Wingdale On The Lake. This flyer reflected that Wingdale On The Lake occupied the same site as was formerly occupied by Camp Unity.

On June 7, 1956, Mr. JAMES J. DWYER, Office of the Secretary of State, New York State, reviewed his records and advised SA JOHN EUGENE PARSONS that Wingdale Camp, Inc. filed a certificate of Incorporation number 6036 with his department on February 9, 1956.

On April 27, 1956, a third source advised that regardless of the name it uses the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was and still is a joint operation of the National Office of the CP and the New York State CP.

On November 13, 1962, the third source above advised that the CP has taken complete control of the camp and the camp will be essentially a youth camp in the future.

The "National Guardian" December 6, 1962, contained an advertisement on page 10 entitled "Announcing Camp Webatuck."

The advertisement reflected that the camp located at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York, is a camp for boys and girls from 7 to 16 plus.

The advertisement indicated that registrations for the camp could be made at its office, 505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 705, New York 17, New York, telephone number MU 7-0586.

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WINGDALE ON THE LAKE, ALSO KNOWN AS

On December 7, 1962, a suitable pretext call was placed to telephone number MU 7-0586.

It was determined through conversation with an unknown male individual that Camp Webatuck is the new name for Camp Calumet formerly known as Wingdale Camp, Inc.; Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity; Wingdale On The Lake, aka.

The "National Guardian," January 31, 1963, contained an advertisement on page 8 concerning Camp Webatuck. This advertisement reflected that the current office address for Camp Webatuck is 166 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, telephone number OR 5-4383.

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APPENDIX

CAMP WOODLAND

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Camp Woodland:

"CAMP WOODLAND (Phoenicia, N.Y.)

- "1. 'The Communist management of six camps in New York State and another in California was exposed by committee investigations and hearings.' Listed among these is Camp Woodland, a children's camp directed by NORMAN STUDER.
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 2 and 10.)"

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties:

"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

- "1. 'On the basis of its investigations and hearings to date, the committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties," are Communist fronts. Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of "mass activity" in support of the avowed objective of "reversal or nonapplication" of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party, and the Smith Act membership clause making punishable active and purposive membership in the Communist Party.'

'* * * The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts.'

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES (CONT'D)

'* * * Committee investigation disclosed that the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties was formed on or about June 12, 1961 * * *.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report and Hearings on Manipulation of Public Opinion by Organizations Under Concealed Control of the Communist Party (National Assembly for Democratic Rights and Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties), House Report 1282, Part 1, October 2 and 3, 1961, pp. 137, 143 and 144.)"

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO AID THE MONROE DEFENDANTS

A source advised on October 10, 1961, that the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) was formed during September, 1961, by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York City.

Source advised that the aims of the CAMD are to afford financial support and counsel for ROBERT F. WILLIAMS and four other defendants who were involved in a racial incident on August 27, 1961, at Monroe, North Carolina. The SWP hopes to dramatize this incident nationally and internationally through the CAMD and thus attract individuals to the SWP aims and principles by playing a leading role in the integration struggle.

According to the source, the organization and impetus of CAMD activities throughout the various parts of the United States such as obtaining sponsors and the raising of funds, are the results of the efforts of various SWP branches.

The above source advised on September 6, 1962, that the headquarters of the CAMD is located at 168 West 23rd Street, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

"1. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.'

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'

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APPENDIX

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECLC also have been identified under oath as Communists.

* * *'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.)

'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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APPENDIX

METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION,
FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATURE FRIENDS OF
AMERICA, INC.

Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York Local of NFA, held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York Local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a second source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well-being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present."

On March 26, 1954, a third source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The MRA, as of May 2, 1962, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia. (Committee on Un-American Activities; Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On June 5, 1962, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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THE UNITED STATES FESTIVAL
COMMITTEE, INC. (EIGHTH
WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

The third 1961 issue of "World Youth," a publication of World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY), reported that the first meeting of the International Preparatory Committee (IPC) took place at Helsinki, Finland, on February 20-22, 1961, to prepare for the Eighth World Youth Festival to be held in Helsinki, in 1962. At the meeting, the IPC elected a permanent commission composed of representatives of a number of countries including Canada, the United States as well as representatives of WFDY and the International Union of Students (IUS).

The IUS with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the WFDY with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary, are cited as Communist organizations in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, published by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., pages 91 and 177.

A source advised that in April, 1961, DANNY RUBIN, National Youth Director, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), advised that CP districts should concentrate on getting broad groups to sponsor the United States Festival Committee (USFC).

A pamphlet issued by the USFC describing the program for the Festival and advised that the USFC was organized by students and youth leaders at a founding conference at Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1961, to publicize and encourage participation in the Helsinki Festival. The USFC had been recognized by the IPC, the sponsoring body of the Festival, as the United States Committee to administer United States Participation in the Festival.

On February 4, 1963, a second source reported the USFC had changed its address from Room 807, 460 Park Avenue South, New York, New York, on February 2, 1963, to Post Office Box 172, Highbridge Station, Bronx 52, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
April 10, 1963

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Bu (100-200845)
New York (100-83801)

Title Peter Seeger

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
C. Richard Strauch, dated and captioned as above at
New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 10-13-58)

Date 4/26/63

To

NY 100-83801

☒ Director

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Att. SUBVERSIVE CONTROL

☐ SAC SECTION

Title PETER SEEGER

☐ ASAC

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Re-0-17 dated 4/23/63 and report of SA C. RICHARD STRAUCH dated 4/10/63, at NY.

Attached are 4 copies of amended FD-204 of referenced report.

ENCLOSURE

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JOHN F. MALONE

NEW YORK

Office

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

C. RICHARD STRAUCH

Office:

New York, New York

Date:

4/10/63

Field Office File No.:

NY 100-83801

Bureau File No.:

100-200845

Title:

PETER SEEGER

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides Beacon, NY, and is self employed as an entertainer. On 5/18/62, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, NY, NY, reversed subject's conviction on contempt of Congress charge and Gov't. has approximately one year from date of reversal to reindict subject. No further information received to date as to any change in status of subject's case. Informant advised subject performed at function sponsored by U.S. Festival Committee, 4/25/62, Committee to Aid Monroe Doctrine Defendants, 4/29/62, National Council for Soviet - American Friendship, 5/16/62, Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties, 6/7/62. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that subject would be travelling in the southern part of the U.S. giving a series of concerts. In 12/62 form letters mailed out under subject's signature asking for donation on behalf of NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/16/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P*)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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Remylet 5/31/62, placing this case in pending inactive status.

AUSA ARTHUR ROSETT advised 10/16/62, that Mr. IRVING YOUNGER, who formerly handled the SEEGER case is no longer with them and that he, ROSETT, is now handling the case.

Mr. ROSETT stated that there has been no change in the status of the SEEGER case and that he does not know when a decision will be made. He stated that he will advise NYO promptly when a decision concerning the matter is reached.

This case is being continued in a Pending Inactive status.

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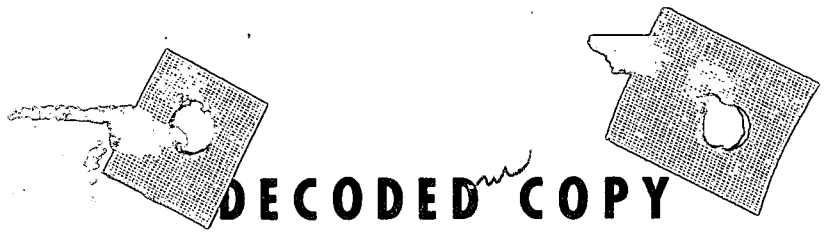
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TO DIRECTOR 5 AND SAC ATLANTA

FROM SAC NEW YORK 112050

RACIAL SITUATION, ALBANY, GEORGIA. REBUTEL, OCTOBER 10 LAST.

PETER SEEGER BORN, MAY 3, 1919, NYC, HEIGHT 6 FEET 1 INCH, WEIGHT 143 POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, PIMPLED FACE, PROMINENT RED NOSE, RESIDES DUTCHESS JUNCTION BEACON, NY. [REDACTED] RELIABLE PAST, FURNISHED INFO OCTOBER 6, 1962, SEEGER SCHEDULED GIVE SERIES CONCERTS GEORGIA, ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, NORTH CAROLINA AND STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE ARRANGED FOR FIRST TWO CONCERTS, OCTOBER 10 AND OCTOBER 11 1962, ALBANY, GEORGIA. CHARACTERIZATION SEEGER BEING FURNISHED ATLANTA BY AIRTEL.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

U.S. v. PETER SEEGER (S.D. N.Y.)

Seeger was indicted on March 26, 1957, for contempt of Congress because of his refusal to answer questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment on the basis of the Watkins decision was denied by the District Court. Trial of the case was continued pending a decision of the Supreme Court in Barenblatt.

On March 29, 1961 after a three-day jury trial, Seeger was found guilty on all ten counts of the indictment. On April 4, 1961, he was sentenced to one year in prison on each of the ten counts, the sentences to run concurrently, and also fined the costs of the action.

The case was argued in the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on April 9, 1962, and, on May 18, 1962, the conviction was reversed and the indictment dismissed. The Solicitor General has decided against petitioning for writ of certiorari.

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Information included in Internal Security Division Bi-Monthly Status Report as of June 30, 1962, 1961.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 5/31/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P*)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Remytel 5/18/62.

AUSA IRVING YOUNGER advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS telephonically on 5/31/62, that, during the week prior to the reversal of SEEGER's conviction and the dismissal of indictment, he, Mr. YOUNGER, was in Washington, D.C., when the Supreme Court reversed the indictments in other contempt cases such as SEEGER's. Mr. YOUNGER stated that this made all such indictments invalid and that, even if the Government had won in the Court of Appeals, the Government would have had to confess error in SEEGER's indictment and dismiss it. Mr. YOUNGER advised that the Government has a little over a year in which to reindict and that the Department is deciding whether or not to pursue all the reindictments. Mr. YOUNGER stated that he did not know when the decision will be made.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status.

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URGENT 5-18-62 8-07 PM JTF

TO DIRECTOR 19 100-200845

FROM SAC NEW YORK 100-83801

PETER SEEGER

SM - C

AUSA DAVID KLINGSBERG ADVISED THIS DATE THAT TODAY
SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS REVERSED SUBJECT-S CONVICTION
AND DISMISSED THE INDICTMENT ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS DEFECTIVE
IN THAT IT DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY ALLEGE AUTHORITY OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE-S INQUIRY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/8/62

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-14777) -RUC-

SUBJECT: PETE SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

On 3/27/62, CARL APONE, reporter, "Post Gazette-Sun Telegraph," a daily Pittsburgh, Pa. newspaper, advised SAC BERNARD C. BROWN that subject was scheduled to sing at Pittsburgh, on 4/16/62, at the Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association, 315 South Bellefield Avenue. Subject was sponsored by two Pittsburgh couples, ALLAN and MITZI TRACHTENBERG, Hampton Street and BOB and SARAH CORREGAN, Sheridan Avenue.

As noted in attached clippings, the concert was held at the First Unitarian Church, Ellsworth and Morewood Avenue due to a controversy regarding subject's background.

On 4/17/62, Mrs. MABEL MOFFAT, Nicholson Road, R.D. #1, Sewickley, Pa., advised SA HOWARD S. MEYERJACK that she attended the Pete Seeger Concert held on 4/16/62, at the First Unitarian Church. There were 300-400 individuals present, mostly of high school and college age, including a number of Negroes. Mrs. MOFFAT said that the subject's songs presented the Communist Party line.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and New York are the following newspaper clippings re subject's concert:

"The Pittsburgh Press," 4/16, 17, 18/62
"Post Gazette-Sun Telegraph," 4/6, 14, 16, 17/62
"Carnegie Tartan" student publication,
Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh,
Pa., 4/4/62.

Files of the Pittsburgh Office contain no information identifiable with ALLAN and MITZI TRACHTENBERG and BOB and SARAH CORREGAN.

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MAY 14 1962

SUBV. CONTROL

Concerts by Seeger Please Collegians

Singer Requests WQED to Explain Cancellation of Scheduled Programs

By VINCE JOHNSON

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Pete Seeger, a controversial folksinger to whom the studios of WQED and the auditorium of the YM&WHA were closed, gave two concerts last night at the First Unitarian Church in Shadyside.

In contrast to the uproar that preceded them, the performances were so uneventful that policemen on watch at

Donald Steinfest's review of Seeger concert appears on Page 16.

the church had nothing to do but endure a few hours of boredom.

Accompanied by his banjo and guitar, Seeger's songs drew several standing ovations from an audience in which listeners of college age predominated.

Join In Singing

Numbering about 450, they frequently joined the artist in songs which, he explained, "deal with where we came from and where we're going."

In an interview with the Post-Gazette during his mission, Seeger was terse in his reaction to the controversy over him. Referring to the WQED and YM&WHA bans on him, he said:

"I am appalled that an educational institution would not want to take on anything controversial.

Wants Explanation

"I feel sorry that some people had to go to a lot of extra trouble. However, I feel that in the long run it might be an educational experience. You can learn from everything—even a crisis."

Wishing to drop the matter there, he said, "Everything I have to say I say on my program."

However, Seeger said that he has requested WQED to explain its cancellation of his concert and that the station

has promised to send him a letter.

Prior to the concerts about 60 pickets paraded before WQED and the YM&WHA in Oakland carrying signs that bore these legends:

"Let Freedom Ring. Let Seeger Sing."

And—"Don't Judge Art by Politics."

The word "Judge" on one sign was misspelled and read "Judgde."

Al Bennett Jr., who identified himself as a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, said the pickets were high school students and students from the seminary, Pitt, Tech, Chatham and Duquesne.

Defied Congress Group

Seeger, 42, was convicted of contempt of Congress in 1961 after he refused to answer questions asked by the House Un-American Activities Committee about his alleged Communist ties.

Sentenced to one year's imprisonment, he appealed and is now free under \$2,000 bond.

Seeger originally was scheduled to appear on WQED's "Dimple Depot," a children's program, at 4:30 p. m. yesterday. A spokesman for WQED said his appearance was canceled because of protesting phone calls and letters.

Asked to Find Another Hall

His concert was scheduled originally at the YM&WHA for last night. Promoters, Robert Corrigan and Allan Trachtenberg, rented the auditorium. Dr. A. J. Auerbach, operating director, emphasized that the concert was not sponsored by the YM&WHA.

However, after the controversy over Seeger's concert became more acute, Dr. Auerbach said that the YM&WHA had asked the sponsors to find a new location and they had agreed.

This was denied by Corrigan and Trachtenberg, who issued a statement that said:

"As sponsors of the Pete Seeger concert, we wish to make it clear that we did not agree to the cancellation by the YM&WHA of the use of its hall.

"We were given no alternative but to make other arrangements. We welcomed the generous invitation of the Unitarian Church to use its facilities."

The board of trustees of the First Unitarian Church issued a statement that it voted to offer its facilities for the Seeger concert for the following reason:

"Popular Pressure" Rapped

"We wish to emphasize that we take this action not in defense of Seeger or his views, but in defense of due process and free speech, in defense of the principles that a citizen should be judged by courts, not by popular pressure. That a singer should be judged by his performance and not by his alleged political activities."

The board further said it had arranged with the sponsors that the proceeds from the concert, after expenses, would be contributed by mutual agreement to a non-profit, non-partisan organization.

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Picketing at YM&WHA yesterday preceded Seeger's concert at Unitarian Church.

Many Did Want To Hear Seeger

In an article April 14, the Post-Gazette quoted "a spokesman" for educational television station WQED as stating, in regard to their cancellation of a non-paying performance by the noted folksinger Pete Seeger:

"From the number of protesting telephone calls and letters we have received, the public apparently does not want to hear him."

Considering that by 9:45 p. m. of the evening before the Post-Gazette article appeared, 79 persons had called the station to protest their decision (in response to the announcement carried in an evening Pittsburgh paper that same day), it appears in fact that a very large number of persons certainly would like to hear this artist perform.

Only one person had called WQED by 9:45 to express support of the station's decision. The Post-Gazette news peg to the article, "Accused of Commie Ties," strongly suggests (as does the story itself) that the decision was made on the basis of Seeger's refusal to answer the ques-

tioning of the extremely controversial House Committee on Un-American Activities, a body that may well be unconstitutional.

Are we in Pittsburgh going to sanction discrimination by our educational television station against an artist because of his political beliefs? Who are these many people who wish to judge an artist by his politics rather than his abilities, in the fashion of the Communists whom they claim (and no doubt honestly believe) to be opposing?

Mr. Seeger continues the American folk tradition, such an important part of our American heritage.

ALFRED B. BENNETT, JR.
Student, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, East Liberty.

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Seeger Sings In Pgh. Concert

It's been a long time since Pete Seeger sang here in Pittsburgh. Last time, he performed with Sonny Terry, the great harmonica player and singer. Pete Seeger will be back again on Monday, April 16, at the YM-WHA in Oakland at 8:30 p.m. This concert will be a solo performance.

Today, folk music is very popular. It wasn't always so. For many years, the finest musicians in this field, such as Woody Guthrie, Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly), Big Bill Broonzy, and Pete Seeger sang only to small audiences. Leadbelly, Big Bill, and Woody aren't singing anymore - but Seeger remains as one of the pioneers of folk music still singing today.

Since the early days when he started with Allan Lomax in the Library of Congress, he has been devoted to the collection of folk songs. He has, perhaps, recorded more than any other folk artist. Some people remember him as a member of the Almanac Singers, but more know him as the organizer of the Weavers, a quartet including himself, Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert, and Fred Hellerman. The Weavers really brought folk music to the attention of large audiences. They remain one of the major influences in this field today.

Several years ago, Pete Seeger left the Weavers to go out on his own as a soloist - a lone voice singing out the music of people in America and other lands, accompanied by ~~banjo~~ guitar, recorder, etc.

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Accused of Commie Ties

WQED Cancels Folksinger

One of two Pittsburgh performances by Pete Seeger, a folksinger who was convicted for contempt of Congress after he refused to answer questions about alleged Communist ties, was cancelled yesterday.

A spokesman for WQED, educational television station, said that Seeger's appearance on "Dimple Depot," a children's program scheduled for 4:30 p. m. Monday, had been cancelled by public demand.

Cites Phone Protests

"From the number of protesting telephone calls and letters we have received, the public apparently does not want to hear him," the spokesman said.

However, Seeger is scheduled to give a concert Monday night at the Y.M. and W.H.A. in Oakland. The event is sponsored privately by two East End couples, Allen and Mitzi Trachtenberg and Robert and Sarah Corregan.

Dr. A. J. Auerbach, operating director of the Y.M. and W.H.A., said that the auditorium merely was rented to the promoters and is not—repeat, not—



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Off "Dimple Depot" program.

sponsored by the Y.M. and W.H.A.

"We have been assured that the event is non-political and there will be no speeches," Dr. Auerbach declared.

Mr. Corregan, one of the promoters, said that hundreds of tickets to the concert already have been sold. He asserted:

"We know that Seeger was convicted for contempt of Congress and has appealed his case. However, we are not concerned with his politics but with his talents as a folksinger."

Sentenced to Year

Seeger, 42, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment April 5, 1961, for refusing to answer questions by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

When he appeared before the committee in 1955, Seeger said the questions were "improper and immoral to be asked of any American."

Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, before sentencing Seeger, asked him if he were then or ever had been a member of the Communist party.

"I decline to answer," Seeger replied.

Judge Murphy then imposed the one-year sentence. Seeger, who has appealed to the U. S. Court of Appeal, is free under \$2,000 bond.

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Seeger's Performance Transferred to Church

Y.M.&W.H.A.'s Action in Shifting Folksinger Follows That of WQED

The Y.M.&W.H.A. announced last night it had asked that a performance in its Oakland auditorium by Pete Seeger, 42-year-old controversial folksinger be transferred to a new location.

Dr. A. J. Auerbach, operating director of the Jewish organization, said the sponsors for the concert had agreed to the transfer.

Seeger will give two performances tonight, one at 7:30 and the other at 9:45, in the First Unitarian Church, Ellsworth and Morewood Aves., Oakland.

The YM&WHA's action came two days after educational television station WQED announced that it had canceled a scheduled appearance

by Seeger at 4:30 p. m. today on "Dimple Depot," a children's program.

A spokesman for WQED said Seeger's appearance was canceled by public demand. The station reaffirmed its stand yesterday, saying the situation had been given considerable thought and deliberation but that the decision of last Friday remained the same.

Seeger became a controversial figure after he was convicted for contempt of Congress in 1961 for refusing to answer questions about alleged Communist ties.

He appealed a one-year prison term and was released

in \$2,000 bail pending the outcome.

Seeger's previously scheduled appearance at the Y.M. & W.H.A. had been sponsored privately by two East End couples, Allen and Mitzi Trachtenberg and Robert and Sarah Corregan.

Corregan said last night that the Y.M. & W.H.A. had asked that the concert be moved to a new location and that the First Unitarian Church had offered its auditorium.

He said the church's facilities were smaller than those of the Y.M. & W.H.A. and therefore requested that holders of \$2.50 and \$3 seats attend the 9:45 performance and all others the one at 7:30.

Proceeds of the performances, Corregan said, would be given to a non-partisan, non-profit organization mutually agreed upon by the sponsors and the church.

The cancellations produced numerous protests, including ones from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Americans for Democratic Action.

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WQED Position On Seeger Rapped

It was something of a shock to find Station WQED, which I have always held in high regard for the quality of its programs and for its seeming intellectual integrity and independence, cancelling the scheduled appearance of Pete Seeger due to "public demand."

Is it a policy of WQED, then, to withdraw or schedule any program according to the whims of "public demand" whatever percentage that may constitute, or does it not, as I have always supposed, have certain professional standards on which it bases its selection, including, undoubtedly, public appeal and interest, and the freedom to exercise this choice regardless of outside pressures? And in this case, on what is public disapproval based?

Pete Seeger was engaged to sing on a children's program. Whatever his political convictions were and are, he is widely held to be a folksinger of repute. I would imagine that the particular quality of exuberance and enthusiasm that marks his singing would have a special delight and appeal for children. Surely this talent is what WQED had in mind when they hired him in the first place and it has not changed.

Mr. Seeger was engaged to sing, not to deliver political tracts of any nature. Do the protesters fear that, with the first strumming of Mr. Seeger's banjo, their children will hypnotically band together and follow him to their destruction?

This incident is so dismaying as another example of the distrust we seem to have for ourselves and our culture. We seem so afraid to be contaminated, so unsure of our own convictions, that we cannot even bear the proximity of one whose opinions may deviate from ours. It would have been gratifying and comforting if, when in so many places in our country, as well as abroad, freedom of communication is being challenged and curtailed, our local station had had the courage to stand firm.

MRS. EDWARD WELFELD
Squirrel Hill.

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Site Shifts For Leftist Singer's Act

Church Takes Show After YM&WHA Asks Sponsors To Move

Leftist folk singer Pete Seeger, still free on bail from a 1961 contempt of Congress conviction, is scheduled for two performances here tonight, but his music will not be heard in Oakland's YM&WHA as originally planned.

Harry R. Savage, president of the YM&WHA, said a Y committee asked the sponsors to change the location of the concert. It has been re-scheduled for the First Unitarian Church, Ellsworth and Morewood Avenues, in Shadyside.

The performances sponsored by two East Liberty couples are scheduled for 7:30 and 9:45 p. m.

Sparks Furore

A controversy was touched off last Friday when Station WQED cancelled Seeger's afternoon appearance on a children's program which was slated for 4:30 today.

Protests against the action have come from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Americans for Democratic Action and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Seeger's citation for contempt of Congress came after he refused to answer questions about alleged Communist ties during a 1955 hearing. He was indicted on 10 counts and convicted on March 29, 1961.

In announcing the last-minute location change, Mr. Savage said the board had voted to ask sponsors of the

Seeger concert to change the locale, and the sponsors agreed to move to the Unitarian Church."

Two Couples Sponsor

The sponsoring couples are Allen and Mitzi Trachtenberg of Hampton Street, and Robert and Sarah Corregan of Sheridan Avenue.

A spokesman for the board of trustees at the First Unitarian Church said its acceptance is based on "constitutional principles which merit our attention."

Their statement said in part: "We wish to emphasize that we take this action not in defense of Seeger or his views, but in defense of due process and free speech, in defense of the principles that a citizen should be judged by courts, not by popular pressure; that a singer should be judged by his performance and not by his alleged political activities."

"And finally, that an audience should not be denied the right to hear a performer because he is a controversial figure," the statement concluded.

Seeger's WQED performance was canceled, officials said, because of public demand.

Mr. Trachtenberg said two performances were substituted for one at the YM&WHA because the church has smaller facilities.

Both the church and Mr. Trachtenberg state that proceeds from the performance over and above expenses will be contributed to "a mutually-agreed, non-partisan and non-profit organization" which had not yet been selected.

Seeger's questioning by Congress came after he took part in Communist May Day rallies and similar affairs over a period of some 12 years.

He has appealed his conviction, and arguments were heard by the Circuit Court last week. A decision is expected within a month.

In 1949 Seeger was named the Communist Daily Worker as "The People's Artist."

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Pete Seeger 'Totes That Bail' To Concert Here

Seeger Folk-Sings 'Protests' But Fans Don't Know Words

By CARL APONE

When Pete Seeger came to Pittsburgh in 1959, The Pittsburgh Press review said Seeger set folk singing back 15 years.

Apparently, Mr. Seeger has improved since then. For last night in a concert at the First Unitarian Church, Shadyside, he didn't set folk singing back a single year. But this reviewer believes he did nothing to advance its cause.

Both of the concerts, one at 7:30 and one at 9:45, played to capacity crowds of 400. But from a musical standpoint it is difficult to know why so many showed up.

On the merit side, he proved to be a surprisingly good instrumentalist, playing the banjo and 12-string guitar with skill. And at the beginning, he showed good form and taste as he relaxed his audience with several listenable songs.

After that, however, the program could have been "Ode to a Lead Balloon." It simply failed to go over.

The young people—and it was predominantly a high school-college crowd—had fun as they sang along with him on some of the more popular tunes. However, as the program progressed, few had the slightest idea of the words or music Seeger wanted them to sing.

Thus, in many songs, it was a case of listening to 5 per cent of the audience mumble while Seeger accompanied them. In other ballads, Seeger did manage to get participation up as high as 50 per cent.

Certainly, a folk singing show does have its moments of audience participation. But when the program became almost entirely a recital and became a bore.

There is another thing to consider about Mr. Seeger's program: Did he come for a recital or to use the stage to put over his philosophies? He made the points about his philosophies subtly and it was for each listener to decide if Mr. Seeger came here as a musical artist or a propagandist.

Among the causes Mr. Seeger cried into his guitar over were:

- 1—Friends who fought Franco in Spain in 1937 but who did not yield a foot to the Franco fascists.
- 2—A yearning to live in Andorra where the government spends only \$4.90 for armaments in its defense.
- 3—Some satiric jabs at the money spent for the Polaris missile.
- 4—A knock at Christian countries where instead of cannibalism they have hangings.
- 5—A dirge about "some day we shall overcome, we walk hand in hand, but I know some day we shall overcome."

Perhaps Mr. Seeger was not promoting his philosophies, whatever they may be, in these songs.

But if he wasn't, he was guilty of poor programming. A half-dozen songs of social

protest on a 75-minute musical program seem like an awful lot of social protests.

Seeger received a standing ovation before and after the concert, but it is doubtful that it was for his musical skill.

In an interview Seeger expressed disappointment that his performances at WQED and the YM&YWA were cancelled.

He said he was appalled that these two institutions would not "take on anything controversial."

Two policemen were assigned to the concert but there was not a single picket.

Earlier, some 60 pro-Seeger pickets marched in front of WQED and the YM&YWA with signs protesting the cancellation of Seeger's concert.

Seeger, 42, was convicted of contempt of Congress in 1961 after refusing to answer questions asked by the House Un-American Activities Committee about his alleged Communist ties.

He was sentenced to a year in prison but appealed and is now free on \$2000 bond.

His conviction came after a career of some dozen years in which he had a history of starring in Communist May Day rallies and similar affairs. On June 9, 1949, in New York City, the Communist Daily Worker named him "The People's Artist."

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AS might have been predicted, the bleeding hearts who emote every time a left-wing propagandist is unmasked have seized upon the case of Pete Seeger, who is billed as a folk singer but who is in reality a persistent and somewhat effective exponent of the Communist Party line.

Educational TV Station WQED and the Young Men's & Women's Hebrew Assn., with proper regard for the public they serve, declined to permit use of their facilities by this propagandist. So the objectors—with an immaturity which seems to be typical of such protests—complain that he has been "discriminated against" because of his "political opinions," and that he was engaged to sing, not to deliver political tracts.

This is pure bunk. Seeger's main activity for many years has been in delivering the party line in song, to the accompaniment of guitar or banjo. To speak of his activity as "political" would be to accept the Communist Party as a political party, rather than the criminal conspiracy in behalf of a foreign power which it really is.

Seeger thumbed his nose at Congress and the courts and is now out on bond on appeal of a one-year sentence for refusal to testify to his connection with the Communist conspiracy.

Folksinger? He has been connected for many years with "People's Songs," cited as a Communist front. A California legislative committee reported that "All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

Entertainer? He's always a star performer at Communist events, including the May Day parade. As to that parade, the House Un-American Activities Committee calls it "an annual mobilization of Communist strength."

Red propaganda is Red propaganda, whether it's sung to the accompaniment of a guitar or shouted from a soap box in Union Square. The misguided people who cheered Seeger the other night might have considered that point. They should be able to find more worthy causes on which to exercise their sense of justice.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) _____
information furnished by informants included in the report could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness and thereby be injurious to the national defense.
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
he presently is appealing his conviction of contempt of Congress.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY). On 4/30/53, former _____ who has furnished reliable information in the past, (cont'd)
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY)

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY)

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On 2/12/60, [] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to: 1-USA, SDNY (RM)

Report of: FREDERICK H. STEVENS
Date: 4/2/62

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 100-83801

Bureau File No.: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis: Subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY; and is self-employed as an entertainer. Subject free on bond pending an appeal of conviction on contempt of Congress charge. Subject renewed Passport Number 1780911 on 9/26/61, stating he intended to travel to the United Kingdom and The Netherlands on business. Subject performed at functions sponsored by NY Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee, on 4/21/61, 12/6/61, and 2/1/62; was principal entertainer on "National Guardian" boat ride, 6/22/61; attended picnic sponsored by "National Guardian", 9/16/61.

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DETAILSI. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

On March 26, 1962, it was determined through a pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as an entertainer, who does folk singing, guitar and banjo playing.

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II. FOREIGN TRAVEL

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, as examined at Washington, D.C, on September 26, 1961, by SA HOLLIS H. KEITER, JR., reflect that on September 26, 1961, the Passport Office renewed Passport Number 1780911, which had been originally issued to the subject on September 8, 1959, at Washington, D.C. In the application for renewal, which was made September 21, 1961, the subject stated that he intended to travel to the United Kingdom and The Netherlands for 5 weeks on business. He stated that he planned to depart from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on about October 13, 1961, aboard the "Corinthia" of the Cunard Line and would return by air transportation. The subject submitted a certified copy of an affidavit dated August 15, 1961, and a Notice of Motion dated August 16, 1961. The ~~Motion~~ requested an order granting SEEGER permission to leave the Southern District of New York and travel outside the United States to Canada, the United Kingdom and Holland. On August 22, 1961, the above Motion was granted by Judge FRIENDLY, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, on the condition that SEEGER appear before the United States Attorney not later than November 27, 1961.

III. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE SUBJECT

On April 4, 1961, Assistant United States Attorney IRVING YOUNGER, advised that on that date United States Federal Judge THOMAS F. MURPHY sentenced PETER SEEGER to one year imprisonment on each of ten counts of contempt of congress, to run concurrently and fined him court charges.

This sentence was appealed by SEEGER and bail of \$2,000.00 was granted. On April 26, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney YOUNGER advised that PETER SEEGER's appeal will be argued on April 9, 1962.

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IV. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT

Miscellaneous Activities of the Subject

The "Morning Freiheit" of April 6, 1961, page 4, columns one and two, carried an article entitled, "Jail For Peter Seeger--Why?", wherein it is stated that SEEGER was tried and convicted for refusing to answer inquisitorial questions.

For a characterization of the "Morning Freiheit" see the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-1 advised on May 2, 1961, that on April 21, 1961, PETER SEEGER performed at a rally sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC) and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee, at St. Nicholas Arena, 67 West 66th Street, New York, New York.

For a characterization of the NYCAUAC and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee see the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-2, NY T-3 and NY T-4, on April 26, 1961, and NY T-5 on April 28, 1961, advised that the subject performed at the April 21, 1961 rally.

NY T-6 advised on June 26, 1961, that on June 22, 1961, the subject was the principal entertainer on a boat ride sponsored by the "National Guardian" along the Hudson River in New York.

For a characterization of the "National Guardian" see the appendix attached hereto.

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"The Worker" issue of July 9th 1961, page 9, column 4, carried an article entitled "Pete Seeger's Magic", concerning SEEGER's folk singing and a collection of his songs.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist bi-weekly newspaper.

NY T-7 advised on August 22, 1961, that on August 17, 1961, at a meeting of the Civil Liberties Committee of Burning Issues, 904 Glenmoor Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, it was announced that this committee's activities would center around PETER SEEGER.

For a characterization of Burning Issues see the Appendix attached hereto.

NY T-7 advised on September 14, 1961, that on September 5, 1961, at the meeting of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (CCCL) at 22 West 17th Street, New York City, the text of a leaflet in support of PETER SEEGER was prepared.

For a characterization of the CCCL see the Appendix attached hereto.

NY T-8 advised on September 26, 1961, that on September 16, 1961, the subject attended a picnic sponsored by the "National Guardian" at Ossining, New York.

NY T-9 on September 28, 1961, made available information which announces the appearance of PETER SEEGER at a meeting of Burning Issues, 67 Second Avenue, New York City, on September 29, 1961.

"The Worker" of December 3, 1961, page 12, column one, contained an article wherein it is stated that PETE SEEGER was scheduled to address a rally to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities on December 6, 1961, at Manhattan Centre, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City.

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NY T-10 advised on December 15, 1961, that on December 6, 1961, PETER SEEGER entertained at a rally sponsored by the NYCAUAC and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee at Manhattan Centre, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City.

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NY T-1, NY T-11 through NY T-16 advised on various dates in December, 1961, that the subject attended the December 6, 1961, rally.

NY T-10 advised on February 6, 1962, that on February 1, 1962, the subject entertained at a reception sponsored by the NYCAUAC and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee, at 306 West 52nd Street, New York City.

NY T-14 on February 2, 1962, and NY T-17 on February 6, 1962, also advised that the subject entertained at the February 1, 1962, function.

NY T-5 advised on February 5, 1962, that on February 2, 1962, at a meeting of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (VALB) at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, plans were announced for a mass meeting to be sponsored by the VALB and to be held on February 25, 1962, at 306 West 52nd Street, New York City; it was also announced that PETER SEEGER had accepted to be the principal entertainer at this function.

The VALB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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BURNING ISSUES

A source advised on May 11, 1961, that a meeting was held on May 8, 1961, at 106 Avenue B, Apartment 4A, New York 9, New York, under the auspices of the Discussion Group for Those in Their 20s and 30s, as the third or fourth meeting of the group.

A second source advised on June 14, 1961, that a business meeting of the discussion group was held on May 12, 1961, in the name of Burning Issues.

The source advised on December 28, 1961, that MARVIN MARKMAN, New York State Communist Party (CP) Youth Coordinator, stated on December 20, 1961, that Burning Issues was formed without CP permission and had the effect of competing with Advance, a CP initiated Marxist-Leninist youth organization. Therefore, Burning Issues must declare itself as a left-wing organization, cease to compete with Advance, and become affiliated with the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee (PYOC).

A third source advised on February 9, 1961, that the PYOC was established at a national socialist-oriented youth conference held in Chicago, Illinois, December 30, 1960, through January 1, 1961. This conference was the result of a mandate issued by the National Executive Committee, CPUSA, calling a youth conference to establish an organizing committee whose objective would be to set up a national socialist-oriented youth organization. The conference scheduled a convention to be held within a year to found a new national socialist-oriented youth organization.

Burning Issues regularly meets at 67 Second Avenue, New York, New York.

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

A source advised on June 11, 1961, that a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), was held on June 10, 1961, at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York. According to the source, the main topic of discussion at this meeting was the CP's plans in regard to combating the June 5, 1961 decision of the United States Supreme Court, requiring the CP to register with the Attorney General of the United States, as a Communist action organization, pursuant to the provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, and the court's decision of the same date, upholding the April 21, 1955 conviction of JUNIUS SCALES under the Smith Act provision, covering membership in the CP.

This source further advised that during this discussion, a special CP defense committee was formed and it was decided that this committee would have an office, which would be managed by MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER, who, according to the source, is a member of the CPUSA National Committee.

Another source advised on June 14, 1961, that at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board and invited guests held on that date at CP Headquarters, NYC, it was announced that the CP defense committee would have an office at 22 East 17th Street, New York, New York, under the name of the Citizens Committee For Constitutional Liberties (CCFCL).

A third source advised on July 20, 1961, that at a meeting of the CP defense committee held on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City, the purpose and scope of the CCFCL was discussed.

It was stated that this committee has been set up to serve as a national coordinator and service center for every effort being made by whatever source to repeal the McCarran and Smith Acts. In addition, it has been set up to reverse the Supreme Court's decision of June 5, 1961, to secure an

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (Cont'd)

indefinite stay of any enforcement of the law by the Department of Justice. It is to engage in generating a popular defense movement to mobilize legal assistance of any organization or individual whose "democratic rights are infringed upon by these laws." This committee wants to encourage the creation of local organizations or groups to work in support of any one of the above-stated objectives.

The committee will also serve as an exchange center of material and provide speakers for any local organization.

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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THE NEW YORK COUNCIL TO
ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

The "National Guardian" in January 16, 1961, issue, page 7, column 1, contained an article which states that the NYCAUAC has only one objective: "to help the National Committee as vigorously as possible in its endeavors to mobilize the American people in a campaign to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

A third source furnished on March 9, 1961, a prospectus of the NCAUAC prepared principally by FRANK WILKINSON, which in reference to "local abolition committees" stated that these committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent program as possible. The prospectus also stated that the NYCAUAC was responsible for coordinating abolition activities on the Atlantic coast.

Various sources have advised in April, 1961, that Communist Party members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAUAC during attendance at Communist Party club meetings.

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YOUTH TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE
also known as Youth Against Un-American
Activities Committee

On February 9, 1960, a source made available a mimeographed letter dated January 26, 1960, signed by "Youth Against House Un-American Activities Committee." This letter explains that several youths who had been active in promoting international exchanges had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on February 3, 4, and 5, 1960. It states that at a meeting held on January 23, 1960, in New York City, a Committee of Youth Against the Un-American Activities Committee was formed to oppose the hearings in a joint effort with "the large segments of the people who already challenge the constitutionality of the committee's existence."

On June 10, 1960, and August 11, 1960, the same source advised that at a meeting of the Manhattan Youth Club, Communist Party, held on June 5, 1960, in New York City, it was stated that the composition of the "Youth Against the HCUA" was half-Communist Party and half non-Party; however, ninety-five per cent of the members were members of Advance.

On June 6, 1960, a second source advised that at a meeting on June 3, 1960, at New York City, it was announced that the name of this organization had been changed to Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee.

On February 21, 1961, a third source advised that on that date a meeting of the Youth Committee was held in New York City. In attendance at this meeting were representatives from nine colleges in the New York City area. At this meeting a "Co-ordinating Committee" was selected consisting of a representative and/or representatives of each of the colleges. The purpose of this group would be to meet regularly and co-ordinate future activities and the Youth Committee would co-ordinate all east coast college abolition activity.

On July 6, 1961, a fourth source advised that the Youth Committee maintains headquarters at 150 West 34th Street, Room 442, New York City.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
April 2, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Title	Peter Seeger
Character	Security Matter-C
Reference	is made to report of Special Agent Frederick H. Stevens, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1/23/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C
(OO: NY)

Remylet 10/9/61.

On 1/17/62, AUSA IRVING YOUNGER telephonically advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS that the subject's attorney filed the appendix to his brief on 1/15/62, and that the court granted a one month extension to file the full brief for 2/15/62.

NY will follow court action and advise the Bureau.

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1-New York (100-83801)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memo m

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: January 3, 1962

FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (100-2101) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
OO: New York (100-83801)

RE: New York letterhead memorandum, dated November 29, 1961.

There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning the subject

is designated as T-1 in the enclosure.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

According to subject departed England on November 21, 1961, for an unknown destination but as referenced memorandum indicates that he had returned to New York as of November 24, 1961, this matter is being placed in an RUC status.

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CC TO: [Signature]
REQ. REC'D: 3/20/64
MAR 24 1964
ANS. BY: [Signature]

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AGENCY [Signature]
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. 1-12-62
HOW FORW. [Signature]
BY [Signature]

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CC TO: [Signature]
REQ. REC'D 2-18-62
JUL 25 1969
ANS. BY: [Signature]

PHOTO
CC TO: [Signature]
REQ. REC'D 8-15-63
AUG 27 1963
ANS. BY: [Signature]



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 3, 1962

MRS PETER SEEGER

U.S.
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T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on December 11, 1961, that subject accompanied by his wife, TOSHI ALINE SEEGER, born July 1, 1922, at Munich, Germany, and his daughter, VIRGINIA STEWART, age six years, arrived in England at the Port of Liverpool on October 20, 1961.

B APPROX 1955 SEEGER

U.S.

According to T-1, subject was in England for a concert tour under the auspices of Colletts Record Shop, London, whose address he furnished as his business address in England. T-1 states Colletts is not directly run by the Communist Party but all of its Directors are Communists.

T-1 further advised that according to a secret and reliable source subject's appearances in Scotland were strongly supported by local Scottish Communist Party members and the British "Daily Worker" also took an interest in his activities.

T-1 stated other than the above subject himself did not come to security attention while in England and he departed with his family for an unstated destination, presumably the United States, on November 21, 1961.

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recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is the property of
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 11/29/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) - P* -

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet and memorandum dated 11/13/61.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting subject's return from foreign travel.

Subject is currently on the Security Index of the NYO.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status awaiting the results of the subject's appeal of his sentence on 4/4/61, on ten counts of contempt for refusing to answer ten questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities about his political beliefs and associates. SEEGER's attorney has to file his briefs on 1/15/62.

CC TO: *USIA*
REQ. REC'D. *3/20/64*
MAR 24 1964
ANS.
BY: *Bug-Be*

CC TO: *OST - 4*
REQ. REC'D. *2-18-69*
JUL 25 1969
ANS.
BY: *KJJ AEE*

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1-New York (100-83801)

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CC TO: *C. d. 1*
REQ. REC'D. *8-15-63*
AUG 27 1963
ANS.
BY: *J. H. H. H.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
November 29, 1961

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to memorandum dated
November 13, 1961, at New York.

On November 24, 1961, Assistant United States
Attorney Irving Younger, United States District Court,
Southern District of New York, advised Special Agent Donald L.
Harmon that the subject had returned to the United States.
Assistant United States Attorney Younger advised that Seeger
could be reached at his residence at Dutchess Junction,
Beacon, New York.

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BY EGK:mas

ENCLOSURE

100-200845-84

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 11/13/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith are seven (7) copies of a letter-head memorandum containing background and subversive information concerning the subject.

Subject is currently on the Security Index of the New York Office.

The Bureau will be advised by form suitable for dissemination upon subject's return to the United States.

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CC TO: ...
REQ. REC'D... *3/20/64*
MAR 24 1964
ANS.
BY: *B. J. J.*

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CC TO: *OSI-4*
REQ. REC'D *7-18-69*
JUL 25 1969
ANS.
BY: *R. J. J.*

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1 - New York (100-83801)

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CC TO: *ONI*
REQ. REC'D *8-15-63*
AUG 27 1963
ANS. *H. J. J.*
BY: *H. J. J.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
November 13, 1961

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to memorandum dated
October 5, 1961, at Washington, D. C.

Subject resides Post Office Box 238, Dutchess
Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo
player and singer of folk songs.

On October 31, 1961, Assistant United States
Attorney Irving Younger, United States District Court,
Southern District of New York, advised Special Agent Donald L.
Harmon that the subject had been granted permission to travel
outside the United States and would be returning on November 21,
1961, at which time he would appear before the United States
Attorney.

Louis F. Budenz, self-admitted Communist Party
functionary and managing editor of the "Daily Worker,"
advised on June 30, 1950, that he had learned that Peter Seeger
was a member of the Communist Party in 1949.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast
Communist newspaper, which suspended
publication on January 13, 1958.

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AGENCY CIA, State, Defense, London
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. 11-20-61
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BY WLS/ua

Re: Peter Seeger

On December 13, 1954, John Lautner, a Communist Party member for over twenty years who at the time of his expulsion from the Communist Party in January, 1950, was Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, advised that he knew Peter Seeger as a Communist Party member from 1947 to 1949. During April, 1951, Lautner advised that Peter Seeger, a singer, was always available for Communist Party affairs as an entertainer.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 19, 1955, contained an article which revealed that Peter Seeger had appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 18, 1955, which committee held hearings at the Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York City, on Communist activities in the theater, radio, television, and unions of entertainers. According to the article, Seeger refused to discuss the groups he had played before.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of April 5, 1961, page 3, reported that Peter Seeger, who had been indicted in March, 1957, on ten counts of contempt for refusing to answer ten questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities about his political beliefs and associates, was sentenced on April 4, 1961, by Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to a year on each of ten counts, sentenced to run concurrently. Seeger was also ordered to pay court costs estimated at \$500.00. Seeger remained free on \$2,000.00 bail pending appeal.

On October 9, 1961, Assistant United States Attorney Irving Younger, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, advised that due to the serious illness of Seeger's attorney, Paul Ross, he was unable to file his brief for the Fall term scheduled for October, 1961. An extension was asked for and granted for January 15, 1962.

1 - Mr. Gurley

October 19, 1961

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EX 10A

Mr. Jack A. Benz
Components Sales Corporation
Post Office Box 178
North Miami Beach 62, Florida

Jack Benz

Dear Mr. Benz:

I have received your letter dated October 14, 1961, with its enclosure, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

In the event you receive any further information which you feel is of interest to the FBI, you may desire to furnish this information directly to our Miami Office located at 3915 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami 52, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

2 - Miami (Enclosures - 2) (SEE NOTE)

ATTENTION: SAC, MIAMI:

There are enclosed two copies of correspondent's letter. Also enclosed a copy of a special bulletin dated October 2, 1961, issued by "Friends of Pete Seeger,"

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Mr. Jack A. Benz

NOTE TO SAC, MIAMI FROM PAGE ONE:

200 West 57th Street, New York, New York." By letter dated 9-23-61 Benz forwarded to the Bureau a brochure prepared by Friends of Pete Seeger setting forth background information on Seeger and the appeal of his conviction for Contempt of Congress. Correspondent also enclosed a copy of a letter dated August 10, 1961, to Congressman Francis Walter, House Committee on Un-American Activities. In the letter to Congressman Walter, correspondent stated he had received a pamphlet from a communist front organization. Benz stated he has been for several years a devoted fan of folk music and on many occasions purchased records on the Vanguard label recorded by Pete Seeger and the group with which he is connected.

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Pete Seeger is on the Security Index and is a folk music entertainer. He has been reported in the past as a Communist Party member and active participant over the years in communist front activities. On July 25, 1956, he refused to answer questions concerning communist activities and association before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and was indicted for contempt of Congress on March 26, 1957, Southern District of New York. He was found guilty at his trial on March 27, 1961.

(100-200845)

The New York Office has been instructed to furnish a summary of information concerning the Friends of Pete Seeger. Any information of interest concerning this organization received from Benz should be forwarded to the New York Office. (100-435934)



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October 14, 1961

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Attn: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Pete Seeger

Dear Mr. Hoover:

October, 1961

As a follow-up on my recent letter of September 23rd regarding *h-y*
~~"Friends of Pete Seeger"~~, I am enclosing a thermofax copy of a
bulletin that I received today from this organization. You might
add it to the file on this particular group and I will continue to
forward in the future any other material I receive.

Thanking you for your personal interest and hoping that this
material will be of assistance.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Jack Benz
Jack A. Benz

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MRS. PETE Seeger

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FOR PETE'S SAKE !

Special Bulletin issued by Friends of Pete Seeger

October 1961

Because of the many inquiries regarding the present status of the PETE SEEGER CASE, we are issuing this special bulletin at this time. However, in preparation is a six page printed BULLETIN, which will report the case more fully and other news of great interest from all over the world in response to the case. This BULLETIN will shortly be off the press and sent to you.

PETE SEEGER APPEAL TO BE HEARD IN MARCH OF 1962

Mr. Paul L. Ross, attorney for Pete Seeger, has advised us that the appeal for Pete will be heard before the United States Court of Appeals in New York City during the month of March 1962. Originally this hearing was scheduled for December of 1961. At present Pete remains out on bail (\$2000) and is free to continue his concert schedule all over the country.

If the ruling of the Appeals Court upholds the conviction, the case will then immediately be submitted for a hearing before the United States Supreme Court. If such is the case, it may take the Supreme Court up to six months from the time the appeal is made to them to review the case.

PETE LEAVES FOR ENGLAND FOR CONCERT TOUR

On October 12th, Pete, his wife Toshi and their youngest daughter left for England for a one-month concert tour of the British Isles. He will return to New York towards the end of November.

TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FOR PETE COMES IN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Hundreds and hundreds of letters and messages have been sent to Pete and to the Friends of Pete Seeger, from all over the world, and from people of all walks of life, in support of Pete's case. With these letters have come thousands of dollars to help pay for the legal costs. This great response has come without the efforts of any organization and has been a magnificent spontaneous response on the part of so many people who feel a great disservice has been done to American democracy by the jail sentence imposed upon Pete. The next BULLETIN will contain excerpts from some letters and a report of activities on behalf of Pete.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 10/9/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C
(OO: NY)

ReNYlet 4/14/61.

On 10/9/61, SAUSA IRVING YOUNGER, USDC, SDNY, advised SA DONALD L. HARMON that due to the serious illness of SEEGER's attorney, PAUL ~~ROSS~~, he was unable to file his brief for the Fall term scheduled for October, 1961. An extension was asked for and granted for 1/15/62.

This case is being maintained in a pending inactive status in the NYO. The results of the subject's appeal will be followed and reported to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/5/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
SM-C
(OO:NY)

CC TO: *Asia*
REQ. REC'D... *3/20*
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ANS.
BY: *Bug Joe*

There are forwarded herewith eight copies to the Bureau and two copies to New York of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the results of a review of subject's passport file by SA HOLLIS H. KEITER, JR.

The subject's passport file was made available to SA KEITER by Mr. CARROLL SEELEY, JR., Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, pursuant to arrangements in effect for the review of certain passports (Bufile 62-20602).

Subject's file at Passport Office reflects travel to England in 1959, arriving in London 9/26/59 and returning to New York City on 10/9/59.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

October 5, 1961

PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

The file for Peter Seeger, maintained by the Passport Office, United States Department of State, was reviewed on September 26, 1961, and was found to contain the following information:

On September 26, 1961, the Passport Office renewed Passport Number 1780911 which had been originally issued to Seeger on September 8, 1959, at Washington, D. C. On September 21, 1961, Seeger made an application for this renewal. In this application, Seeger stated he intends to travel to the United Kingdom and The Netherlands for five weeks on business. He stated he plans to depart from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on about October 13, 1961, aboard the "Corinthia" of the Cunard Line, and will return by air transportation. He also stated he intends to make another trip abroad within two years.

Seeger submitted a certified copy of an affidavit dated August 15, 1961, and a Notice of Motion dated August 16, 1961. The Motion requested an order granting Seeger permission to leave the Southern District of New York and travel outside the United States to and in Canada, the United Kingdom, and Holland. On August 22, 1961, the above Motion was granted by Judge Friendly, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, on the condition that Seeger appear before the United States Attorney, at a room to be designated by him to Seeger's attorney, not later than November 27, 1961.

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BY *W. J. Trust*

RE: PETER SEEGER

Seeger furnished his mailing address as Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York. He stated he was born May 3, 1919, at New York City.

Seeger set forth the following itinerary for himself:

On August 25, 1961, he would leave for Montreal, Quebec, Canada, for an engagement on August 26, 1961, to perform at the Le Theatre Club, 1858 St. Luke Street, Montreal. During the period of August 28, 1961, to September 3, 1961, he is scheduled to attend the International Folk Music Conference at Laval University, Quebec City, Quebec. He will then return to the Southern District of New York no later than September 5, 1961.

On October 13, 1961, he is scheduled to leave for London, England, via Montreal, Canada, aboard the Cunard Line "Corinthia", for a series of performances and recordings for the British Broadcasting Corporation Radio Department and Radio Luxemburg in London during the period from October 20, 1961, through October 31, 1961. He is scheduled to leave London after these performances and arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland, on November 3, 1961, and in Glasgow, Scotland, on November 4, 1961, to perform. The engagement in Glasgow will be at the St. Andrews Hall, but the location of the Edinburgh performance is not known.

Seeger is scheduled to arrive in Liverpool, England, on November 10, 1961, to perform at the Court Street Auditorium. On November 12, 1961, he is scheduled to perform at Cambridge University under the auspices of Christopher Rowley, President of St. Lawrence Society, Clare College, Cambridge University. In addition, arrangements have been made for Seeger to perform in Holland during the period from November 12, 1961, to November 18, 1961. On November 18, 1961, he is scheduled to perform in London at the Royal Festival Hall.

RE: PETER SEEGER

Seeger stated that he has scheduled a return flight leaving London on November 21, 1961, via Pan American World Airways flight number 101, arriving the same day at Idlewild Airport, New York City.

Seeger's passport, renewed on September 26, 1961, is to be valid to and including November 25, 1961.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

1 - Mr. Gurley

September 27, 1961

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EX-104

Mr. Jack A. Benz
Components Sales Corporation
Post Office Box 178
North Miami Beach 62, Florida

Dear Mr. Benz:

Jack

I have received your letter dated September 23, 1961, with its enclosures.

Your interest and courtesy in furnishing this information to me are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent enclosed a brochure prepared by "Friends of Pete Seeger" setting forth background information concerning Seeger and the appeal of his conviction for contempt of Congress. Correspondent also enclosed a copy of a letter dated August 10, 1961, to Congressman Francis Walter, House Committee on Un-American Activities. In this letter correspondent stated he had received a pamphlet from a communist front organization. Benz stated he has been for several years a devoted fan of folk music and on many occasions purchased records on the Vanguard label recorded by Pete Seeger and the group with which he is connected.

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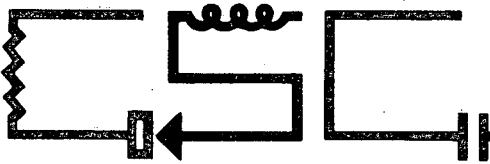
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Bureau has received identical brochure prepared by "Friends of Pete Seeger" and on August 29, 1961, New York Office was instructed to furnish summary of information concerning this organization and recommendation whether investigation was warranted. (100-435934)



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September 23, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Attn: Subversive Activities Dept.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find both a pamphlet which I received additional copies of the other day and a letter which I sent to the House Committee on Unamerican Activities regarding this pamphlet. I believe the letter will be self-explanatory and I am sure that the pamphlet will be also.

I do hope that you will look into this matter and try to squelch this thing before it gets started. Although I think that Pete Seeger is one of the greatest talents today in the folk music field, his conviction must be upheld at all costs.

Hopeing that this information will be of assistance to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Jack Benz
Jack A. Benz

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100-200845-83

August 10, 1961

Congressman Francis Walters, Chairman
House Committee of Un-American Activities
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Walters:

In this mornings mail I received the enclosed pamphlet from what I presume is a Communist front organization. I am sure that the material contained in it will be self explanatory.

I was rather surprised to find myself on a Communist front mailing list, but after some consideration of the facts, I began to realize how my name was obtained and why I had received this pamphlet.

The fact of the matter is I have been for several years a devoted fan of folk music and on many occasions have purchased records on the Vanguard label recorded both by Pete Seeger and the group with which he was formally connected, "The Weavers". I remember on one occasion when I purchased a record by the Weavers on the Vanguard label, I filled out one of their customer reply cards. This card I in turn mailed back to Vanguard Records and from time to time I received various mailings from them covering their new releases of folk music.

I presume that someone in the Vanguard organization has access to this mailing list and has made it available to the Communist front organization that sent out this pamphlet.

I am enclosing along with this pamphlet, the envelope in which it came, along with the mailing sticker used on the front of that envelope. It might be worth your while to check Vanguard Records mailing department and find out whether or not the same mailing sticker used at Vanguard is the one on which I received the enclosed pamphlet.

Although I have always been a devoted fan of folk music and feel that Pete Seeger is one of the most talented artists in the field, I sincerely hope that his conviction will be upheld and that the Court of Appeals will not hear his case. Prominent Communists such as Pete

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August 10, 1961

Chairman Walters

Seeger should be removed from the public scene and locked up permanently. I hope that you will do everything within your power to see that this conviction is upheld and the sentence carried out.

Yours sincerely,

Components Sales Corp.

Jack A. Bens

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P.S. I have sent a short note to the address listed on the pamphlet and asked them for an additional ten copies. If anyone on your committee can use an additional quantity of this pamphlet, please drop me a note and I will forward any reasonable quantity. Again, I hope that you will follow up this matter immediately and try to put a stop to it as soon as possible.

By the way, for what it is worth Paul Robeson also records on the Vanguard label and this may have some bearing on the matter.

STATEMENT IN COURT BY PETE SEEGER
BEFORE JUDGE THOMAS F. MURPHY,
FEDERAL COURT, NEW YORK

April 4, 1961

Pete Seeger:

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. After hearing myself talked about, pro and con, for three days, I am grateful for the chance to say a few unrestricted words.

First, I should like to thank my lawyer for his masterly presentation of my defense. He has worked over many long weeks and months, knowing that it is beyond my power to pay him adequately for his work. I believe that he, and great legal minds like Justice Hugo Black and Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, have explained far better than I can why they believe the First Amendment gives an American citizen the right to refuse to speak upon occasion.

Secondly, I should like to state before this court, much as I did before Congressman Walter's committee, my conviction that I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything in any way subversive of my country. Congressman Walter stated that he was investigating a conspiracy. I stated under oath that I had never done anything conspiratorial. If he doubted my word, why didn't he even question it? Why didn't he have me indicted for perjury? Because, I believe, even he knew that I was speaking the truth.

Some of my ancestors were religious dissenters who came to America over 300 years ago. Others were abolitionists in New England of the 1840's and 50's. I believe that in choosing my present course I do no dishonor to them, or to those who may come after me.

I am 42 years old, and count myself a very lucky man. I have a wife and three healthy children, and we live in a house we built with our own hands, on the banks of the beautiful Hudson River. For twenty years I have been singing folksongs of America and other lands to people everywhere. I am proud that I never refused to sing to any group of people because I might disagree with some of the ideas of some of the people listening to me. I have sung for rich and poor, for Americans of every possible political and religious opinion and persuasion, of every race, color, and creed.

The House committee wished to pillory me because it didn't like some few of the many thousands of places I have sung for. Now it so happens that the specific song whose title was mentioned in this trial, "Wasn't That A Time" is one of my favorites. The song is apropos to this case. I wonder if I might have your permission to sing it here before I close?

Judge Murphy: You May Not!

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — Pete Seeger, 42, said today that he would sing a song called "Wasn't That A Time" in court. A good song can only do good, and I am proud of the songs I have sung. I hope to be able to continue singing these songs for all who want to listen, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. Do I have the right to sing these songs? Do I have the right to sing them anywhere?

What You Can Do

1. Write to President John F. Kennedy, your congressman, your local newspapers, to register your views.
2. Plan affairs in your city, college or high school, camps, or organizations, to give support to Pete Seeger.
3. Send contributions to help in the legal costs of the case and printed material. Such contributions should be made payable to Harold Leventhal and sent to Rm. 602, 200 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.
4. Additional copies of this brochure and other material on the case will be mailed to you in any quantities desired. Just drop us a letter for such material to be passed around to your friends, and all interested people.

FOR PETE'S SAKE and for the sake
of America — let's Keep Pete Seeger
out of jail!

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This brochure is prepared by Friends of Pete Seeger in New York. We urge you to initiate activities in support of Pete in your community and to keep us advised of such activities. All correspondence and inquiries should be sent to Harold Leventhal, Rm. 602, 200 West 57th St., New York 19, N. Y.

Should
Pete Seeger
go
to
jail?



"I would put Pete Seeger in the first rank of American folk singers. I think he ought to be a free man, roving the American landscape, singing for the audiences who love him — Republican, Democrat, and Independent."

Carl Sandburg

"... THE NOTION THAT THE REPUBLIC IS A SAFER PLACE BECAUSE THE JUSTICE DEPT. HAS CAUGHT UP WITH HIM IS THE KIND OF FANTASY TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TOO LONG. NO ONE HAS REMOTELY SUGGESTED THAT SEEGER IS A SPY OR A SABOTEUR, OR THAT HE POSSESSES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH DREARY AREAS. THE COMBINED POWER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE AND THE JUSTICE DEPT. THAT SHOULD BE RALLIED TO IMPRISON HIM IS A BITTER BURLESQUE. SOME JAIL WILL BECOME A MORE JOYOUS PLACE IF HE LANDS THERE, AND THINGS WILL BE BLEAKER OUTSIDE".

From an editorial NEW YORK POST
March 31, 1961

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On top of old Smokey
All covered with snow,
I lost my true lover
From a-courting too slow.

REMEMBER THAT SONG? It was at the top of the hit parade ten years ago. In 1951 the country "sang along" with the tall, skinny guy with the long, skinny banjo who sang this song, as millions of Americans heard it on the nation's airwaves and from the juke boxes in all corners of the country.

The singer's name is Pete Seeger—and since then millions of Americans have continued to hear him sing the wonderful songs of our folk music heritage on records, on the radio and television, and in countless concert appearances in almost every state of the Union. The resurgence and great interest in folk music today is due to a large extent to the dynamic personality and talent of Pete Seeger.

Today, Pete Seeger is a man who stands convicted of a "crime" against the United States of America. This brochure has been written to tell you about Pete Seeger and his "crime."

Background of the Case

In the summer of 1955, during the height of the McCarthy hysteria, the House Un-American Activities Committee held hearings in New York City to conduct "investigations of subversive activities in the entertainment industry." For these hearings, the Committee subpoenaed a number of actors, singers, radio and television personalities, and others in the field of entertainment. Among those subpoenaed was Pete Seeger, who appeared before the Committee on August 15th, 1955.

In the course of the inquiry, the Committee asked Seeger questions about the songs he sang and where he sang them, plus questions about his personal political beliefs and associations. Believing, as do many other Americans, that no person or group, private or public, has the right to ask any citizen such questions, Seeger refused to answer these particular questions. "I feel that I have never done anything of a conspiratorial nature," said Seeger to the Committee, "and I resent being called before the Committee just because my opinions differed."

questions was protected under his basic right of free speech and free association. He was warned that his refusal to respond would be construed as being in "contempt of Congress", but Seeger persisted in his stand as a matter of principle. He was dismissed from the hearing.

In April of 1956, upon recommendation of the House Un-American Activities Committee, the House of Representatives by vote, cited Pete Seeger for "contempt of Congress". Shortly thereafter the Justice Department prepared a ten-count indictment, one count for each question which Seeger refused to answer. In New York, just before he was to set out on a national concert tour, Pete Seeger was arraigned and brought before a Federal Judge in New York City where the indictment was read to him and to which he pleaded not guilty. Pending trial, Seeger was released in \$1,000 bail. Mr. Paul L. Ross was engaged as Seeger's counsel.

The Trial

The trial itself was not held until almost five years later. After countless delays and postponements the trial opened at the Federal Court House in New York City on March 27th, 1961 with Judge Thomas F. Murphy on the bench. A jury was selected. The Federal Assistant District Attorney presented the government's case against Seeger with a "criminal charge" based upon the ten counts of the indictment. The trial took three days during which time arguments were set forth by both sides. Mr. Paul Ross told the jury that Seeger's contention was that it was improper and immoral for any government body to ask the questions put to him. "It is our contention," said Ross, "that in no instance in this committee's investigation was the matter of national security, espionage, sabotage, or the advocating of the violent overthrow of the Government involved." At the conclusion of the trial the jury found Seeger guilty on all ten counts of the indictment.

Seeger Sentenced

On April 4th, Seeger appeared in court to hear Judge Murphy sentence him to one year in jail on each of the ten counts and fined him court fees. The

Judge ruled that the jail terms would be served concurrently. In an unusual action, the Judge refused to continue Seeger on bail and remanded him to begin serving his sentence. Paul Ross immediately applied to the United States Court of Appeals, which ruled that Pete Seeger could be released on \$2000 bail pending further appeal. Upon posting of the bond, Seeger was freed.

Seeger's appeal is scheduled to be heard sometime in the fall of 1961. In the event the Court of Appeals does not reverse the conviction, Pete Seeger and his legal counsel are prepared to take their case up to the Supreme Court.

At the moment Pete Seeger is a free man. In the next few months, as he has done for twenty years, he will bring his banjo before audiences throughout America, singing the traditional songs of our past and the hopeful songs of our future.

But sometime in the next year or so, a Federal Marshal may put a pair of handcuffs on those gifted hands whose racing fingers have brought delight to so many millions.

Pete Seeger may be placed in a cell in some Federal Prison, his songs locked up with him.

If this happens, we Americans will lose a great deal. We will lose Pete Seeger's music for a year—music which is inspiring and beautiful. But we will lose more than that. For if Pete Seeger can go to jail then we in America will have permitted this shame and our democratic heritage will be violated.

To help keep Pete Seeger out of jail, many friends of Pete Seeger in all parts of the country want to do whatever they can that this travesty on justice and freedom should not happen. By publicizing the facts in this case, we hope to convince others of the injustice which has taken place. We encourage you to do whatever we can.

SUITE 602

200 West 57th Street

New York 19, New York

☐ Please send me.....additional quantities of the brochure on the
Pete Seeger case.

☐ Please keep me informed about the progress of the case.

Enclosed please find \$.....as a contribution to help in the legal
and printing expenses.

(Make checks payable to HAROLD LEVENTHAL)

Name_____

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PETER SEEGER, aka.

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Characterization of NORMAN
LEONARD ✓
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Characterization of MALVINA
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Characterization of ALLEN OHTA ✓

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Characterization of FRANK
WILKINSON

Sources utilized in characterizations of organizations
are as follows:

- ✓ NCCPFB
- ✓ SFCCPAF
- ✓ CCPAF

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA ZAVEN JARDARIAN
Date: July 18, 1961

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File No.: 100-39112

Bureau File No.:

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

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California Labor School 1956 Fall program reflected PETER SEEGER was to give a concert on 10/6/56 in San Francisco. This concert was reportedly held 10/6/56 in San Francisco. A PETER SEEGER concert under auspices of the NCCPFB was reported as held 11/14/57 at Berkeley, California. The 4/8/61 issue of the PW reflected PETE SEEGER received a maximum one year prison sentence for contempt of the HCUA. A folk music concert for benefit of PETE SEEGER was reported held 5/5/61 at Sacramento, California. PETE SEEGER First Amendment sponsored by SFCCPAF was reported as held 5/12/61 in San Francisco, California.

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On October 31, 1955, SF T-1 furnished an announcement of a program entitled "Folk Music Today" to be presented by California Labor School (CLS) on October 28, 1955, at 37 Elgin Street, San Francisco. One of the principal attractions in this program was listed as PETE SEEGER.

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The CLS, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The September 26, 1956 issue of "People's World" (PW), a west coast Communist newspaper, reflected the following article:

"PETE SEEGER, GREAT FOLK SINGER, concert, Scottish Rite Aud., S.F., 8:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 6. Tickets \$1.25, \$1.75. UN 3-3023 or Sherman-Clay."

The September 24, 1956 issue of the "National Guardian" (NG), a characterization of which is contained in the appendix, reflects the following article:

"PETE SEEGER"

"Folksinger and king of the 5-string banjo, 8:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 6, Scottish Rite Auditorium: only local concert on this tour. Tickets UN 3-3023."

On September 20, 1956 SF T-2 furnished a CLS leaflet which reflected among other things that..."PETE SEEGER is coming to Scottish Rite Auditorium Saturday, October 6 at 8:30 p.m. Let us know soon how many tickets you wish for your family and friends. Order early as we expect a major turn out for this cultural event of the year..."

On September 18, 1956 SF T-3 furnished a CLS 1956 fall program which reflected, among other things, that PETE SEEGER was to give a concert on October 6, 1956 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

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On October 15, 1956 SF T-4 advised that PETE SEEGER concert was held October 6, 1956 at Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco. Admission was \$1.25 for general seats, \$1.75 for reserve seats and approximately 600 individuals attended.

On May 31, 1957 SF T-5 furnished a leaflet entitled "Once They Did It to Speak-Easies. Now They Do It to Schools." This leaflet included a "Time Table of Critical Events in the Life of the California Labor School," which gave a thumbnail history of the CLS and a list of individuals who have appeared at the school. The name PETER SEEGER is included in this list.

The November 10, 1957 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, a San Francisco daily newspaper, reflected the following article:

"FOLK SONG RECITAL--PETE SEEGER in 'Folk Songs of Many Lands,' 2450 Sutter Street, 8:30 p.m."

On September 5, 1957 SF T-6 advised that at a meeting of the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NCCPFB) on September 4, 1957 at 33 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, a letter from the office of PETE SEEGER was read. This letter enclosed a contract according to which SEEGER agreed to sing for the NCCPFB on November 14, 1957 for \$200. It was voted at the meeting to accept this offer. (X)

Characterizations of the NCCPFB is contained in the appendix.

On October 3, 1957 SF T-7 furnished the September-October 1957 issue of "The Light," official publication of the NCCPFB. This publication reflected that the Fifth anniversary of the Festival of Nationalities would be celebrated on November 14, 1957 at Finnish Hall, 1819 10th Street, Berkeley, California and that PETE SEEGER would participate.

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On October 3, 1957 SF T-8 also furnished a copy of the above mentioned issue of "The Light."

On November 21, 1957 SF T-6 advised that a PETE SEEGER concert under the auspices of the NCCPFB was held November 14, 1957 at Finnish Hall, 1819 10th Street, Berkeley, California and that approximately 400 individuals attended. PETE SEEGER sang American, Finnish, Jewish, Mexican and German folk songs. SEEGER also wondered why only poor people were deported and not bankers or big businessmen. [Over \$1,000 was raised for the NCCPFB.] (X)

The November 4, 1957 issue of "San Francisco Examiner" a San Francisco daily newspaper, reflected the following article:

"Folk Singer To Give Program"

"A special children's program of folk singing will be given by PETE SEEGER Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the Marina Junior High School Auditorium.

"SEEGER, one of the country's foremost folk singers, uses a five string banjo in accompanying himself. The children's program will be made up of nonsense songs, participation games and animal songs."

The October 30, 1957 issue of the "Berkeley Daily Gazette," a Berkeley, California daily newspaper, reflected that PETE SEEGER would perform in a folk music concert on November 17, 1957 at the Little Theatre, Grove Street and Allston Way, Berkeley, California.

The April 26, 1959 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle contained an article reflecting that PETE SEEGER, who was described as "America's greatest folk singer," would appear on May 9, 1959 at the Berkeley Community Theatre, Grove Street and Allston Way, Berkeley.

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The May 10, 1959 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle reflected the following article:

"TODAY"

"PETE SEEGER, folk singer, in a special free concert for children. Parents not admitted. Live Oak Park Recreation Center, Berkeley, at 2 p.m. He will also appear at 8:30 p.m. at Palo Alto Senior High School, Palo Alto."

The June 7, 1959 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle reflected that PETER SEEGER was one of six singers who would give four concerts on June 25, 26, 27 and 28 at Hertz Hall, University of California.

The April 8, 1961 issue of the PW reflects the following article:

"SEEGER GETS MAXIMUM
ONE-YEAR PRISON TERM"

"NEW YORK - PETE SEEGER, a folk singer who is particular about the audiences before which he sings, received a maximum one year prison sentence for contempt of the House Un-American Committee.

"SEEGER had been convicted on March 29 for refusing to answer questions about his political beliefs before the committee in 1955. He stood on the First Amendment.

"U.S. Judge THOMAS F. MURPHY tried to get the singer to sing one last time before pronouncing sentence last Tuesday.

"'Would you tell me now if you are now or have been a member of the Communist party?' the judge asked.

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"I decline to answer," SEEGER replied.

"To the maximum sentence Judge MURPHY added a vindictive refusal to grant bail pending appeal, ordering SEEGER to prison. However, SEEGER's attorney, PAUL ROSS, quickly went before the U.S. Court of Appeals, which set bail at \$2,000.

"The 42 year old SEEGER is married and has three children. He came to court with his banjo in a canvas-covered case.

"Before sentencing, Asst. U. S. Atty. IRVING YOUNGER told Judge MURPHY that SEEGER had performed before 24 organizations deemed 'subversive' by the Attorney General."

On May 8, 1961 SF T-9 advised that a folk music concert was held in the auditorium of the Tuesday Club, 2722 L Street, Sacramento, California, on May 5, 1961, for the benefit of PETE SEEGER. SF T-9 stated that approximately 250 individuals attended and that of this number 200 appeared to be college students. During intermission a request was made for funds to aid PETE SEEGER.

The May 1, 1961 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle reflected the following item in the column of columnist HERB CAEN:

"...Folk Singer PETE SEEGER will sing the blues at Longshore Aud. May 12th--and blues is what he's got plenty of; he's free on appeal after being clobbered for a year's jail sentence for refusing to sing before the HUAC."

SF T-5 on May 1, 1961 and SF T-10 on May 9, 1961, furnished a leaflet quoted in part as follows:

"THE FIRST AMENDMENT FOR ALL AND
ALL FOR PETE.

"It is with great pride that we invite you to hear PETE SEEGER sing for defense of the

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First Amendment. Hear speakers Carlton Goodlet, Norman Leonard, and Harry Bridges^{SL} call for abolition of the HCUA..."

The leaflet also contained a list of honored guests which list included the names BARBARA DANE, BERNARD DREYFUS, BERTRAM EDISES, CHARLES GARRY, MALVINA REYNOLDS, PEGGY and ALLEN OHTA. The leaflet also reflected the concert would be held on May 12, 1961, at the Longshoremen's Auditorium, 301 Beach Street, San Francisco and that it would be sponsored by the San Francisco Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (SFCCPAF), 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco.

A characterization of the SFCCPAF is contained in the appendix.

~~SF T-11~~ advised on October 20, 1948 that CARLTON GOODLETT was dropped as a member of the Dewey Davis Club, San Francisco County Communist Party (CP) for having failed to attend meetings for a period of six months. (X) *CALIF.*

SF T-12, a self admitted member of the CP from 1935 to 1950, advised on March 4, 1955 that NORMAN LEONARD was a member of the Lawyers Group, SFCCP during the period 1935 to 1950.

Records of United States District Court, San Francisco, reflect that on May 25, 1949, HARRY BRIDGES was indicted for criminal acts of perjury and conspiracy to conceal CP membership, thereby fraudulently obtaining United States citizenship. On April 4, 1950, BRIDGES was convicted of these charges. On appeal the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld this conviction. However, based on the statute of limitations having run, the United States Supreme Court reversed the decision on June 15, 1953.

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~~X~~ SF T-13 advised on July 20, 1950, that BARBARA DANE had been expelled from the Bayside Branch, CP SFCCP. (A) *CALIF.*

BEVERLY PATTEN, self admitted member of the CP from 1936 to 1949 advised on March 7, 1953 that BERNARD DREYFUS had been a member of the New Era Club, SFCCP during the mid 1940's. *24 Feb 73* ✓ *CALIF.*

SF T-12 advised on March 4, 1955, that CHARLES GARRY and BERTRAM EDISES, both of the Lawyers Group of the SFCCP in the 1940's and remained members until 1950.

SF T-14 advised on February 13, 1950 that MALVINA REYNOLDS was a member of the CP at Long Beach, California.

~~X~~ SF T-15 advised on March 5, 1947, that PEGGY OHTA was a member of the CP as of that date. *CALIF.*

~~X~~ SF T-16 advised on August 7, 1951, that ALLEN OHTA was dropping out of Labor Youth League (LYL) activity in order that he might take over as chairman of his unit in the CP. (A) *CALIF.*

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On May 15, 1961, SF T-17 advised that a meeting of the SFCCPAF was held May 12, 1961, at 301 Beach Street, San Francisco. SF T-17 advised that approximately 1500 people were present. CARLTON GOODLETT, Chairman of the meeting, introduced a number of people on the staff and in the audience who were present as honored guests. NORMAN LEONARD spoke on behalf of the CCPAF and stated that the Supreme Court was wrong in upholding the convictions for contempt of those persons who had refused to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), basing their refusal on the First Amendment.

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~~ROBERT WEISENBACH~~ ^{CALIF.} stated that he hoped those people who had supported him in connection with his trial for the alleged striking on his part of a police officer during the riot which ensued on May 13, 1960, at the HCUA hearings being held in San Francisco on that date, would now support PETE SEEGER and other people like him. PETE SEEGER sang a few songs and was followed on the program by HARRY BRIDGES who castigated the HCUA as being a "terrible bunch of people for persecuting innocent people."

BRIDGES stated that everyone should write and urge their Congressmen to work towards the abolishment of the HCUA. BRIDGES stated that PETE SEEGER may have to go to jail but that he would be back playing his banjo upon his release. BRIDGES stated that more could be done through singing to get the word out to the people than by any other means.

CARLTON GOODLETT gave a collection speech stating that the WEISENBACH trial had cost a great deal of money and the CCPAF needed funds to pay legal costs for people who were currently defending themselves on contempt citations.

PETE SEEGER and MALVINA REYNOLDS completed this program by singing parodies of songs dealing with the washing of the students down the San Francisco City Hall stairs.

SF T-2 advised on May 15, 1961 that the PETE SEEGER First Amendment concert sponsored by the SFCCPAF was held May 12, 1961 at the Longshoremen's Auditorium, 301 Beach Street, San Francisco. CARLTON GOODLETT was chairman and he and HARRY BRIDGES spoke on the HCUA. NORMAN LEONARD spoke on the First Amendment. PETE SEEGER and others took part in the entertainment.

SF T-18 advised on May 17, 1961 that the PETE SEEGER First Amendment concert, sponsored by the SFCCPAF was held on May 12, 1961, at 301 Beach Street, San Francisco. NORMAN LEONARD and HARRY BRIDGES were among the speakers. Copies of the PW were sold outside the door.

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The May 20, 1961 issue of the PW reflects an article quoted as follows:

"2,500 HEAR, CHEER SEEGER"

"SAN FRANCISCO-- Exactly one year to the day after San Francisco police hosed demonstrators against the House Un-American Committee down the City Hall stairs opponents of the Committee demonstrated their aversion to its methods in another way here.

"A cheering, singing crowd of more than 2,500 persons jammed Longshoremen's Hall last Friday night (May 12) to hear a victim of the Committee sing, to sing with him, to pay him tribute and to give him encouragement and assistance in his fight against those who would silence his voice and his banjo.

"MANY YOUNG

"Pete Seeger, one of the nation's most popular folk singers, came to town to sing in his own defense. Seeger has been convicted of contempt of Congress for standing on the First Amendment in his refusal to testify before the Un-American Committee. His case is now on appeal.

"The rally, sponsored by the San Francisco Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, drew the support of many notables and a whooping, cheering crowd that included many young people.

"The highlight of the concert was the singing of songs about which Seeger had been questioned on the occasion of his appearance before the Committee. Then came the song, the rendition of which the audience had not heard. It was

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the song he had offered to sing to the judge at the time of his conviction, but the judge didn't want to hear it. 'Wasn't That A Time,' is a song that tells a story of great battles for freedom in the history of the United States. And along with the narrative Seeger recited parts played in those battles by his ancestors and himself, including his duty in the service of his country during World War II.

"TIGAR SPEAKS

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"~~Michael~~ Tigar, University of California student, told the rally there were many other ways to defend civil liberties than to understand, and cite, the legal arguments. 'It is speaking out when others attempt to silence you that is standing up for civil liberties.'

"Then Tigar presented to the audience Robert Meisenbach, student recently acquitted on charges of assaulting a policeman during the events of a year ago. After prolonged applause, Meisenbach spoke briefly.

"Main speaker was Harry Bridges, president of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, who said, 'We are in for some serious trouble if we let our guard down before this committee.'

"From the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga., came a message from another man who has stood up to the Committee and refused to answer its questions -- Frank Wilkinson. The chairman, Dr. Carlton Goodlett, read Wilkinson's words. 'I believe that for each of us who speaks out and are jailed others, students and non-students, will raise their voices in defense of the Bill of Rights.'"

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that FRANK WILKINSON was a CP member.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly...Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party (CP), it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia." (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 12.)

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Daily People's World", now known as the "People's World," a West Coast Communist newspaper, of November 2, 1950, page 10, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Northern California Committee for Foreign Born Planned." This article stated that plans for the organization of a Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born would be made at a meeting on November 6, 1950, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

A source advised on May 11, 1961, that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, although an independent organization, carries out a program of activity in Northern California which coincides with the aims of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB).

The source further advised that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born continues to be active in defending the foreign born in deportation proceedings and in securing support for the repeal of the Walter-Mc Carran Law.

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SAN FRANCISCO CITIZENS COMMITTEE
TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

A source advised on April 7, 1960, that a San Francisco affiliate of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF) had been established at a meeting held in San Francisco on April 4, 1960. The source advised that the San Francisco affiliate, to be known as the San Francisco CCPAF, would carry out in Northern California, the program of the CCPAF.

Source advised on May 15, 1961, that the San Francisco CCPAF is active.

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

A source advised on May 4, 1960, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State, and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, is described by the source as the "brains and energy" behind the organization.

Another source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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San Francisco, California

July 18, 1961

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Reference Report of SA ZAVEN JARDARIAN
dated and captioned as above
at San Francisco.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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There is no reported information reflecting CP membership on the part of MICHAEL TIGAR.

SF T-19 advised on September 17, 1952 that FRANK WILKINSON was a CP member.

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SAC, New York

August 29, 1961

Director, FBI (100-New)

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FRIENDS OF PETE SEEGER
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The Bureau is in receipt of a brochure prepared by captioned organization and setting forth background information concerning Seeger and his appeal of his conviction for contempt of Congress. The brochure states that all correspondence and inquiries should be sent to Harold Leventhal, Room 602, 200 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York.

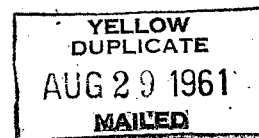
Bureau indices contain no prior references to captioned organization. It is noted that Seeger is subject of your file 100-83801, Bufile 100-200845. Leventhal is apparently identical with the subject of your file 100-103040, Bufile 100-388654.

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau with a summary of the information in the files of your office concerning this organization; a summary of the contacts of confidential informants and sources of your office concerning it; and your recommendation whether investigation of this organization is warranted pursuant to Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-21645)

SUBJECT: BORIS GEORGIEVICH STRELNIKOV
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Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau containing information furnished by [redacted] a highly confidential and sensitive source who has furnished reliable information in the past. The source furnished this information on 4/27/61.

This letterhead memorandum is classified Confidential in view of the sensitive nature of the source, whose identity if known, would tend to compromise the future effectiveness and use of the source.

Information furnished by source pertains to a news article entitled "Springtime and Under Arrest", submitted by BORIS GEORGIEVICH STRELNIKOV, Soviet Pravda correspondent, NYC, to the Pravda offices, Moscow, USSR. The article deals with PETER SEEGER, folk singer, who was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for contempt of Congress.

Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source. Under no circumstances should any unauthorized persons become aware we have knowledge of the above information.

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Re: Boris Georgievich Strelnikov

A highly confidential and sensitive source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 27, 1961, that Boris Georgievich Strelnikov, Soviet Pravda correspondent, New York City, had submitted a news article entitled, "Springtime and Under Arrest", to the Pravda offices, Moscow, USSR.

Pravda is a daily newspaper published in Moscow and is the organ of the Central Moscow Committee of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union.

Source advised the article read as follows:

"In the early part of April, a New York court sent a well-known American folk singer, Peter Seeger, to prison simply because he refused to answer the questions of a 'McCarthy-style' committee of 'Witch Hunters'. Seeger came to court with his banjo and told the court that, 'I'm not guilty of anything, either in the eyes of my country or my people'. Seeger told the court that he merely sings songs of love, peace and strife. Seeger offered to sing for the court but they refused to hear him. Seeger was put in jail. Nevertheless other voices are able to sing of peace - the people who participated in the peace march. These people were mostly youngsters who were eager to know about Yuri Gagarin, Soviet spaceman, Socialism and life in the USSR."

The April 5, 1961 edition of the "New York Mirror", page 8, contained an article which stated "Folk Singer Pete Seeger, 42, was sentenced yesterday to a year's imprisonment for contempt of Congress. A jury convicted him on March 29th in Federal Court on 10 counts for refusing to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee about his possible Communist affiliations."

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 4/14/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYteletype dated 4/4/61.

Assistant United States Attorney, IRVING YOUNGER, USDC, SDNY, advised on 4/4/61, that US Federal Judge THOMAS MURPHY sentenced SEEGER to one year on each of ten counts to run concurrently and fined him court charges. This sentence was appealed by SEEGER and the Court of Appeals granted bail of \$2,000. SEEGER was ordered to file brief on or before August 1, 1961. The case was set for argument during the first week of the Fall Term scheduled for October, 1961.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the NYO and the results of subject's appeal will be followed and reported to the Bureau.

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TO DIRECTOR 12 100-200845

FROM SAC, NEW YORK 100-83801

PETER SEEGER., SECURITY MATTER ~~DASH~~ C. AUSA IRVING YOUNGER, ^{COMPLAINANT} ASST U.S. ATTORNEY U.S. DIST. COURT
SDNY, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT UNITED STATES FEDERAL JUDGE

MURPHY SENTENCED CEEGER TO ONE YEAR ON EACH OF TEN COUNTS
TO RUN CONCURRENTLY AND FINED HIM COURT CHARGES. SENTENCE WAS
APPEALED AND COURT OF APPEALS GRANTED BAIL OF TWO THOUSAND
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URGENT 4-4-61 8-23 PM JFA
TO DIRECTOR 12 100-200845
FROM SAC, NEW YORK 100-83801

PETER SEEGER., SECURITY MATTER DASH C. AUSA IRVING YOUNGER, USDC, SDNY, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT UNITED STATES FEDERAL JUDGE MURPHY SENTENCED SEEGER TO ONE YEAR ON EACH OF TEN COUNTS TO RUN CONCURRENTLY AND FINED HIM COURT CHARGES. SENTENCE WAS APPEALED AND COURT OF APPEALS GRANTED BAIL OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS. SEEGER WAS ORDERED TO FILE BRIEF ON OR BEFORE AUGUST ONE NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. CASE SET FORTH ARGUMENT DURING FIRST WEEK OF FALL TERM SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED YOUTHFUL DEMONSTRATORS IN FOLEY SQUARE TEN THIRTY AM WERE PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY. SEEGER RELEASED AFTER THREE PM WITH APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DEMONSTRATORS PRESENT TO WAVE TO HIM.

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Date: 4/12/61

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

SUBJECT: ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
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According to [redacted] a source that has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity must be concealed, FRANK WILKINSON and NEEDLEMAN discussed the serving of subpoenas on IRVING KAPLAN, HARRY MAGDOFF and ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, all officials of the Fund for Social Analysis, calling for their appearance in Washington on April 26th (apparently before the House Committee on Un-American Activities). WILKINSON remarked (S)

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(1 - 100-388425, CARL BRADEN)
(1 - 100-112434, FRANK WILKINSON)
(1 - 100-433447, N.C.A.U.A.C.)
(1 - 100-200845, PETE SEEGER)
(1 - 100-19720, SYLVIA CRANE)

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that there was a new committee set up in Washington to hold meetings in protest against such hearings, and he and NEEDLEMAN agreed that it might be a good idea to have this group schedule a protest meeting in connection with this particular hearing. WILKINSON stated that this committee had held a meeting on April 8th in behalf of himself and CARL BRADEN. WILKINSON advised that he and BRADEN would be speaking in New Jersey on April 13th and on April 14th they would be in Princeton, New Jersey. WILKINSON added that he, BRADEN and PETE SEEGER would be speaking on April 25th, although the location was not mentioned. WILKINSON mentioned that during his stay in New York he could be reached either through the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee or through SYLVIA CRANE. ~~(S)~~

Foregoing for information.

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87TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 234

RESOLUTION

Relating to a subpoena duces tecum addressed to
Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of
Representatives, in the case of the United
States of America against Peter Seeger.

By Mr. McCORMACK

MARCH 27, 1961

Considered and agreed to

87TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 234

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 1961

Mr. McCORMACK submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Whereas in the case of the United States of America against Peter Seeger (criminal case number C-152-240), pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, a subpoena duces tecum was issued by the said court and addressed to Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives, directing him to appear as a witness before said court on the twenty-first day of March 1960, and to bring with him certain and sundry papers in the possession and under the control of the House of Representatives: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That by the privileges of this House no evi-
- 2 dence of a documentary character under the control and in
- 3 the possession of the House of Representatives be taken by the
- 4 mandate of process of the ordinary courts of justice, be taken

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1 from such control or possession but by its permission; be
 2 it further

3 *Resolved*, That when it appears by the order of the court
 4 or of the judge thereof, or of any legal officer charged with
 5 the administration of the orders of such court or judge, that
 6 documentary evidence in the possession and under the con-
 7 trol of the House is needful for use in any court of justice,
 8 or before any judge or such legal officer, for the promotion
 9 of justice, this House will take such action thereon as will
 10 promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges
 11 and rights of this House; be it further

12 *Resolved*, That Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House,
 13 be authorized to appear at the place and before the court
 14 named in the subpoena duces tecum before-mentioned, but
 15 shall not take with him any papers or documents on file in
 16 his office or under his control or in possession or control of
 17 the House of Representatives; be it further

18 *Resolved*, That when said court determines upon the
 19 materiality and the relevancy of the papers and documents
 20 called for in the subpoena duces tecum, then the said court,
 21 through any of its officers or agents, have full permission to
 22 attend with all proper parties to the proceeding and then
 23 always at any place under the orders and control of this
 24 House and take copies of any documents or papers and the

1 ments or papers in possession or control of said Clerk that
2 the court has found to be material and relevant (except that
3 under no circumstances shall any minutes or transcripts of
4 executive sessions of committees, or confidential papers, docu-
5 ments, or files of the House of Representatives, or any evi-
6 dence of witnesses in respect thereto, be disclosed or copied)
7 and which the court or other proper officer thereof shall de-
8 sire, so as, however, the possession of said documents and
9 papers by the said Clerk shall not be disturbed, or the same
10 shall not be removed from their place of file or custody under
11 the said Clerk; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That as a respectful answer to the subpoena a
13 copy of these resolutions be submitted to the said court.

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TO SAC NEW YORK

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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PETER SEEGER, SM DASH C. REURTEL MARCH THREE ONE,
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NOTE ON YELLOW: Seeger, Security Index subject, is entertainer. Has been reported as Communist Party (CP) member in the past and active participant over the years in communist front activities. On 7-25-56, he refused to answer questions concerning communist activities and association before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and was indicted for contempt of Congress on 3-26-57 in the Southern District of New York (SDNY). At a trial the week of 3-27-61, he was found guilty of contempt. Assistant United States Attorney, New York, has requested permission to advise U. S. District Judge Murphy, SDNY, on 4-4-61, at a presentence hearing, of the fact that Louis Budenz, John Lautner, and Herman Thomas, former CP informants, have stated Seeger was a CP member in approximately 1949. New York Office states FBI will not be revealed as the source of the information and inasmuch as the trial is over, no question as to admissibility of evidence will arise.

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URGENT 3-31-61 5-17 PM JFA
TO DIRECTOR 16 100-200845
FROM SAC, NEW YORK 100-83801

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DATED TWO TWENTY ONE FIFTY SEVEN, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. AUSA
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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On 4/3/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information received from BETTY GANNETT that the young people were meeting tonight at 799 Broadway, NYC, and they would be advised to be at the sentencing of PETER SEEGER tomorrow at 10:30 am.

BSS, NYCPD and AUSA IRVING YOUNGER advised.

For information of Bureau, 799 Broadway is address of Advance. Bureau will be further advised if demonstration occurs.

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87TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 178

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 1961

Mr. McCORMACK submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Whereas Representative Francis E. Walter, a Member of this House; has been served with a subpoena to appear as a witness before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, to testify at the District Court House, Foley Square, in the city of New York, New York, on the twenty-fifth day of January 1960, in the case of the United States of America against Peter Seeger, criminal case number C152-240; and

Whereas by the privileges of the House no Member is authorized to appear and testify, but by order of the House: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That Representative Francis E. Walter is
- 2 authorized to appear in response to the subpoena of the United
- 3 States District Court for the Southern District of New York

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- 1 in the case of the United States of America against Peter
2 Seeger; and be further
3 *Resolved*, That as a respectful answer to the subpoena
4 a copy of these resolutions be submitted to the said court.

87TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 178

RESOLUTION

Relating to a subpoena served on Representative
Francis E. Walter.

By Mr. McCORMACK

FEBRUARY 21, 1961
Considered and agreed to

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 3/7/61	Investigative Period 1/5/61 - 2/10/61
TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER aka		Report made by LOWELL W. BARTON	Typed By: jak
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CC TO: <i>Army</i> REQ. REC'D <i>7-10-63</i> JUL 26 1963 ANS. BY: <i>help</i>		CC TO: <i>ONI</i> REQ. REC'D <i>8-15-63</i> AUG 27 1963 ANS. BY: <i>Feltman etc</i>	

REFERENCES

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Legat, London letter 6/24/60, advised [redacted] arrived in England. [redacted] PAUL PIERRE ~~ENDICOTT~~ had received indicating SEEGER had visited the United Kingdom and that there was some indication he may have given up the idea of traveling to England in 1960.

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It is noted SEEGER apparently did not go to England as the restriction on his passport was not lifted and the passport is on file with the Passport Division, Department of State.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the United States Attorney's Office, SDNY, pursuant to the request of AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY.

The USA's office, by separate letter dated as above, has been advised that this report is for information only, that it contains both admissible and inadmissible evidence and that witnesses to the information therein are not necessarily available for testimony.

The USA's office also was advised that the report should not be introduced in any proceedings in connection with the contempt case of SEEGER.

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At New York, New York

Will report results of the pending Contempt of Congress proceedings against the subject.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)
information furnished by informants included in the report could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness and thereby be injurious to national defense.
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
he presently is under indictment for contempt of Congress and his trial on that charge is pending.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY). On 4/30/53, former ☐ who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom. (cont'd)
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during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR., 12/21/56, NY)

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY)

On 2/12/60, [] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Instant report)

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_____ were used to document the CCPAF and the NCAUAC.

_____ was used to document the Young Socialist Alliance.

_____ were used to document Camp Midvale. a MRA

The following informants were contacted on the indicated dates:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
_____	1/30/61	DAVID RYAN
	1/30/61	DAVID RYAN
	1/30/61	DAVID RYAN
	2/2/61	CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
	2/3/61	CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
	2/3/61	JOHN A. HAAG
	2/7/61	JOHN A. HAAG
	2/7/61	JOHN A. HAAG
	2/7/61	JOHN A. HAAG
	2/6/61	ROGER O'MARA
	2/7/61	ROGER O'MARA
	2/10/61	ROGER O'MARA
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report results of the pending Contempt of Congress proceedings against the subject.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) _____
information furnished by informants included in the report could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness and thereby be injurious to national defense.
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
he presently is under indictment for contempt of Congress and his trial on that charge is pending.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY). On 4/30/53, former _____ who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom. (cont'd)
- ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR., 12/21/56, NY)

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY)

On 2/12/60, [] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Instant report)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: LOWELL W. BARTON

Office: New York, New York

Date:

3/8/61

Field Office File No.: 100-83801

Bureau File No.: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self-employed as an entertainer. Subject free on bond pending contempt of Congress trial in the case of the US versus Peter Seeger. Informants advised: SEEGER contributed \$10.00 to CCPAF; enrolled in Metropolitan Recreation Association; entertained at rally of NCASF, 11/60; member of the NCAUAC.

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Details:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On January 5, 1961, Lieutenant JOSEPH STELLA, Beacon, New York Police Department, advised that PETER SEEGER, resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and receives his mail at Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York. Lieutenant STELLA advised SEEGER is self-employed as a folk-song singer and guitar player.

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS
PROCEEDINGS PENDING
AGAINST THE SUBJECT

On March 26, 1957, Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against PETER SEEGER.

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On March 31, 1960, Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY, Southern District of New York, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the case of United States versus PETER SEEGER was called to trial on March 21, 1960. At that time, new motions were filed by the counsel for the defense and the District Judge had not as yet ruled on the motions.

Mr. MC GAULEY further advised the defendant had requested the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to the House of Representatives to obtain the records and at the time the prosecution was preparing to ask that the subpoenas be quashed.

Mr. MC GAULEY also advised the case had been reset for trial in May, 1960, and the exact date had not been determined.

On June 6, 1960, Mr. MC GAULEY advised SA FOLKNER that the case had been called for trial on June 6, 1960, and by consent of the defendants and the prosecution, the case was adjourned to June 30, 1960.

Mr. MC GAULEY advised the court had ruled that Mr. FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR., Counsellor for the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) would have to answer a subpoena to testify for the defendants and at the present time Mr. TAVENNER had not recovered from a heart attack and was physically unable to attend the hearing. The court ruled the defendants would not be called to trial until Mr. TAVENNER was able to appear.

On August 25, 1960, Assistant United States Attorney MARVIN SEGAL, Southern District of New York, advised SA FOLKNER that the case had been called for a hearing before United States District Judge ALEXANDER BICKS, Southern District of New York, in June, 1960, continued to July, 1960.

Mr. SEGAL advised at the July hearing a tentative date for trial was set for November 28, 1960, due to the unavailability of Congressman WALTERS for testimony until after the National elections.

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Mr. SEGAL further advised the court was considering allowing the taking of testimony of Mr. TAVENNER by deposition; however, this could not be decided until Mr. TAVENNER was afforded a physical examination to determine if he had sufficiently recovered from his heart attack to allow the depositions.

Mr. SEGAL also advised motions had been made by the defendant for the production of documents from the HCUA to which he had filed motions to set aside the subpoena duces tecum.

According to Mr. SEGAL, the trial date would probably be set at a hearing on November 28, 1960.

On November 3, 1960, Assistant United States Attorney IRVING YOUNGER, Southern District of New York, advised SA FOLKNER that Mr. SEGAL no longer was with the Department of Justice and that the case now was assigned to him. He advised that at the last hearings in the case, the court resolved that the defendant was entitled to have Congressman WALTER and HCUA Counsel TAVENNER subpoenaed for testimony.

Mr. YOUNGER advised postponements have been obtained for subsequent hearings because of the unavailability of Congressman WALTER due to activity concerning the then current election and Mr. TAVENNER's heart attack. Mr. YOUNGER stated he understood that Congressman WALTERS would be in Europe at the hearing scheduled for November 28, 1960, and would probably return to the United States about March 1, 1961.

Mr. YOUNGER advised SEEGER was free on bail bond and was restricted insofar as travel is concerned, to the area within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

III. PASSPORT DATA

On April 21, 1960, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised SA KENNETH J. HASER that information in the subject's passport file reflected that on April 18, 1960, Mr. LEONARD B. BOUDIN, a New York attorney had contacted ROBERT D. JOHNSON, General Counsel of the Passport Office. Mr. BOUDIN inquired about extension of the passport issued to PETER SEEGER which had been issued to SEEGER, but limited to one year or until October 10, 1959, because SEEGER was out on bail. SEEGER had obtained court permission

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to leave its jurisdiction and Mr. BOUDIN wanted to know if the restriction would be removed entirely.

By letter dated April 20, 1960, Mr. JOHNSON advised Mr. BOUDIN that to delete the time limitation on the passport in accordance with Judge HERLAND's order, BOUDIN should submit a certified copy of an order vacating or modifying the restriction against SEEGER's leaving the jurisdiction of the Court.

On May 10, 1960, Mrs. BUCKLER advised SA HASER that on May 5, 1960, the following letter had been sent to Mr. BOUDIN, 25 Broad Street, New York City:

"Dear Mr. BOUDIN:

"In view of the specific nature of the Court's order issued in August, 1959 in the PETER SEEGER matter as outlined in our letter of April 20, 1960 I believe you should furnish a similar order or one more general in nature. I do not believe we should embroil ourselves with the question whether the offense is a misdemeanor rather than a felony.

"In short, please submit the order and we will remove the time limitation from Mr. SEEGER's passport and forward it to you.

"Sincerely,

ROBERT D. JOHNSON
General Counsel
Passport Office"

On July 27, 1960, and August 29, 1960, it was ascertained by SA HASER that the subject's 1959 passport still was contained in his file.

IV. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST
PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

V. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES AND
ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SUBJECT

American Committee For
Protection of the Foreign
Born (ACFPB)

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On January 15, 1960, NY T-1 advised that a meeting of the Midwest Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born (MCPFB) was held on January 7, 1960, at the Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, to hear the report of their delegate to the National Convention of the ACPFB held in New York City, December 19 and 20, 1959. At this meeting, it was stated that a reason for concern to the ACPFB was the jailing, among others, of PETE SEEGER. Further, that in discussion of a program for a Birthday Celebration of PEARL HART's 70th Birthday to be held April 2, 1960, at the Hamilton Hotel, it was discussed that "PETE SEEGER should be asked to participate as persecuted defendant in First Amendment and not as entertainer for the evening".

On October 26, 1960, NY T-2 advised that at the meeting of the MCPFB held on October 20, 1960, mention was made that PETE SEEGER was recently in Chicago for a performance. No additional details regarding SEEGER's visit to Chicago were made available.

Citizens Committee To
Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF)

The CCPAF will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

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On February 12, 1960, NY T-3 furnished a list of names of those individuals who had contributed to the CCPAF during January and February, 1960. Included in those names was "PETE SEEGER, Box 3200, Beacon, New York", for \$10.00.

Young Socialist Alliance (YSA)

The YSA will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

On March 10, 1960, NY T-4 made available copies of the minutes of the Young Socialist Editorial Board Meeting on February 8, 1960. It was reflected that in a report of the Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee group it was pointed out that on March 21, 1960, the trial of PETE SEEGER was to begin in Manhattan at Foley Square and a demonstration of youth in support of SEEGER's first amendment fight was proposed.

On January 25, 1961, NY T-5 advised that in a form letter directed to all members of the New York local of YSA it was announced that a sale of the publication "Young Socialist" would be made at an event featuring American folk songs to be held at 2 West 64th Street, New York City, on January 21, 1961. According to the announcement, PETE SEEGER would be part of a team performing at this event.

Camp Midvale
Metropolitan Recreation
Association (MRA)

Camp Midvale and the MRA will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

On May 3, 1960, NY T-6 and NY T-7 advised PETER SEEGER entertained with songs at the above camp on May 1, 1960, in connection with the May Day observance on May 1, 1960.

On June 7, 1960, NY T-8 furnished a May, 1960 "throwaway" entitled "Published by Metropolitan Recreation Association". In relating of the May 1, 1960 celebration, the throwaway said in part: "Topping off the historic occasion was the enjoyment of a concert by PETE SEEGER, famed singer of folk songs, and some of his friends. So enthralled were the celebrants by PETE's music

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that they would not let him quit singing for a full hour and a half". In addition it stated: "To top off his contribution to our anniversary celebration PETE SEEGER signed up for membership in MRA. So he is now one of us."

On September 9, 1960, NY T-8 advised that the "MRA Newsletter" for September, 1960, announced that PETE SEEGER would head up an all-star cast in the first of a series of "hootenannies" and shows at Camp Midvale on Sunday, October 16, 1960. On October 17, 1960, NY T-9 advised PETE SEEGER did appear and entertain at Camp Midvale on October 16, 1960, and approximately 400 people were in attendance.

On November 4, 1960, NY T-10 and NY T-11 advised that at a membership meeting of the MRA on October 28, 1960, at the Central Plaza Annex, New York City, it was proposed that the MRA make a donation to PETE SEEGER for the Committee to Abolish the Un-American Committee. It was moved the donation be \$100.00 and that the committee was the Committee to Preserve the 1st Amendment. It was further commented that it would look better on the books if it were given to PETE as an expense of the Hootenanny that was held at Camp Midvale and let PETE do with it as he saw fit; that he would understand where to put it as it had been talked over; that it would be simpler bookkeeping and better for tax purposes. It was said PETE, himself, was in danger of going to prison for contempt as he had been questioned by the House Committee and had pled the 1st Amendment. On November 14, 1960, NY T-8 advised concerning the same meeting and that \$100.00 had been voted to be given to SEEGER and that the donation was to appear on the books as a hootenany expense.

NY T-10 advised on November 28, 1960, that a Thanksgiving Dinner was held by the MRA at Camp Midvale on November 21, 1960; that PETE SEEGER had written that due to commitments he was unable to be present, but that he was thinking about them and that he was sending a check for \$5.00 to pay for dinner for himself and his wife.

National Council of
American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

The NCASF has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" of November 6, 1960, included an article reflecting the "Annual Rally for Peace and Friendship" would be held November 8, 1960, in Carnegie Hall, New York City, under the auspices of the NCASF.

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"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

The above article reported that among others who would appear was PETE SEEGER, folk music artist, who would provide entertainment with songs of peace.

On November 9, 1960, NY T-12 advised PETE SEEGER did appear on this program and presented American and Russian songs about the brotherhood of man and one song about the "H" bomb ban.

National Committee to Abolish
the Un-American Activities
Committee (NCAUAC)

The NCAUAC will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

③ The "New York Times", October 11, 1960 issues, page 52, column 2, contained an article captioned "Foes of House Unit Call For Support". The article stated the NCAUAC outlined plans "yesterday" to enlist National support. It said that of the thirty-four delegates attending the first national session at the Taft Hotel, six had been accused by the House committee of having been members of the Communist Party. Among others present was PETE SEEGER, the folk singer.

NY T-2 advised on October 26, 1960, that RICHARD CRILEY, one of the persons listed in the above "New York Times" article as being one of six accused by the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee of being a member of the Communist Party, had addressed a meeting on October 26, 1960, of the Mid West Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born. In this address, he stated he had been fortunate in being invited to a full committee meeting in New York of the NCAUAC. He noted that many prominent persons were members of the NCAUAC and among others named as members was PETE SEEGER.

On December 7, 1960, NY T-13 advised that at a regular meeting of the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee on November 29, 1960, at 11 West 51st Street, New York City, SANDRA ROSENBLOOM, Secretary, proposed a mass rally during Christmas week with PETE SEEGER as a highlight for the meeting. PETE, she said, had promised the Council to appear anytime at its functions. At this time, she said the

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council would be able to raise funds to pay for the buses to Washington, D. C.

Communist Party (CP)

NY T-14 advised on December 6, 1960, that one MORT SCHEER remarked about 1951 or 1952, that PETE SEEGER was the only actual CP member in the Weavers; that the other three members were close to the Party but not members.

Regarding MORT SCHEER, "The Worker" issue of December 11, 1960, page 12, identified SCHEER as the full-time member of the New York State CP Staff from Buffalo.

"Morning Freiheit"

The "Morning Freiheit" will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

The following editorial appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of November 29, 1960, on page 4, columns 1 and 2:

"A Slap In The Face of Reaction"

"Yesterday we reported the story of a concert in a town near New York. It is a story which deserves attention everywhere, because it shows how reaction can be fought.

"It happened in Nyack, New York. Pete Seeger, the famous folk-singer was supposed to perform there. So the American Legion started a fight not to permit the performance. There were picket demonstrations; there was pressure on the Board of Trustees, which controls the concert hall, not to permit the performance.

"The inciters ranted that Seeger dare not appear because, at a hearing of the Un-American Committee, he refused to answer questions put to him. To the Legion, it is a crime not to bow before an inquisition hearing. Other "sins" of the singer were mentioned - he performs at affairs of progressive organizations!

"So the reactionaries ranted, but they did not get their way, because the inhabitants would not be frightened. Seeger sang and the reactionaries received a slap in the face."

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Several informants who are familiar with some aspects of CP activity in the New York City area advised in January and February, 1961, that they had no information concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS (CCPAF)

A source advised on May 4, 1960, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State, and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, is described by the source as the "brains and energy" behind the organization.

Another source advised on September 17, 1957, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960 issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17 1960, a national organization entitled, "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA), was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the SWP on the principles of revolutionary Socialism.

A confidential source advised on May 11, 1960, that the original YSA was an organization formed during October, 1957, in NYC, by youth of various left Socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The leaders of this group were the guiding forces in the establishment of the national organization.

The source further advised that the YSA is dominated and controlled in its leadership and ranks by members of the SWP. The source added that the SWP considers the YSA as the leading force in the radical youth field and its current and future hope in regard to recruits and the promulgation of the SWP movement throughout the US.

The headquarters of the YSA are located at 10 East 23rd Street, New York City.

The YS is a monthly publication, self-described in the December, 1960 issue as the official organ of the YSA.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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CAMP MIDVALE

On March 26, 1954, a confidential source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A confidential source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York local of NFA, held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the MRA was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a confidential source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, sets forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well-being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

The MRA, as of May 12, 1960, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

NFA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION,
Formerly known as Nature Friends of
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"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well-being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

On March 26, 1954, a third source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The MRA, as of May 12, 1960, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE (NCAUAC)

On August 22, 1960, a source advised that the NCAUAC was organized in August, 1960, at Los Angeles, California, to stimulate new and utilize all efforts of interested individuals and organizations in a national campaign to promote public education leading to political action to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The NCAUAC will not duplicate the work of other Civil Liberties organizations, which include the abolition of the HCUA as a part of their program, but will encourage the coordination and consolidation of all their efforts for abolition and will promote new efforts in those Congressional Districts where education and political action for abolition have not been initiated.

FRANK WILKINSON is the Field Representative of the NCAUAC, according to the source.

Another source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
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March 7, 1961

Title Peter Seeger

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Reference Report of Special Agent
Lowell W. Barton, dated and captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in
referenced communication have furnished reliable information
in the past.

NY T-14 has furnished insufficient information to
determine his reliability.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-17-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MISS SARAH GERTRUDE KNOTT
2310 ASHMEAD PLACE, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C.
DIRECTOR
AMERICAN FOLK FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

Captioned individual visited the Bureau on 1-16-61 and spoke to SA Krant, Crime Research Section. Miss Knott advised that she was the founder of the National Folk Festival 25 years ago and that she continues to be a Director of that organization. She described the function of the Folk Festival as being an organization which encourages the presentation of traditional folk songs and dances of the United States. Last June (1960) the 24th Annual National Folk Festival was held in Washington, D. C., at the Carter Barron Amphitheater. Some 1100 participants appeared, all of whom, according to Miss Knott, paid their own travel expenses and other expenses to appear at the Folk Festival. Representatives of the American Indians, Spanish Americans of our Southwest, dancers from Louisiana, folk singers from the Southern Appalachians and representatives of many other areas of our culture appeared. The Folk Festival at the Carter Barron Amphitheater was sponsored in part by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Meyer of the "Washington Post and Times Herald."

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Miss Knott's visit to the Bureau was prompted by her desire to have increased aid by various agencies of the Government to her group in order to foster folk traditions in this country. She believes that the Folk Festival could be used, and should be used, in furtherance of our American ideals and traditions. She claimed that there was no one in the Government who was officially interested in folk traditions of the United States, and this country is behind other nations in this important work. Miss Knott wondered if Mr. Hoover might desire to serve as an honorary chairman of the Folk Festival to be held in Washington in the Summer of 1961. She felt that the Director's name would add prestige to the group's presentation and that other officials might be encouraged to support it if they knew Mr. Hoover was behind the group. Miss Knott also desired to know whether or not the group should encourage the use of folk singers such as Jenny Vincent and Peter Seeger who had appeared before Congressional Committees and had refused to answer many questions, shielding themselves behind the Fifth Amendment. Miss Knott stated that these people were tremendously talented professionals in the folk singing field and that in view of their professional capabilities she wondered if she had the duty or the right to exclude them from the program for 1961. She desired our advice in this matter.

Enclosure 2
1 - Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum for Mr. DeLoach
RE: Miss Sarah Gertrude Knott

Miss Knott was advised that the Director had a long-standing policy of not accepting honorary office in those organizations in which he could not be active, and in view of his many commitments he would not be able to serve with the Folk Festival Association. In answer to her query concerning Vincent and Seeger, Miss Knott was informed that this was a decision the group would have to make and that she, knowing of the background of Vincent and Seeger, must judge for herself whether they represent the best traditions of our Nation. Miss Knott furnished the interviewing Agent with the attached material concerning the American Folk Festival Association. They describe in very general terms the purpose of the Folk Festival and the reasons for choosing Washington, D. C., as the site of the festival.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES CONCERNING MISS KNOTT:

A confidential informant advised in 1942 that Miss Knott had requested a Russian representative for the Folk Festival to be held in Washington in May of 1942. In 1952, Miss Knott was described by a confidential informant as not having associated with known Communist Party members. She was described by American communists as a "reactionary;" however, she was not disliked or criticized by persons associated with the Communist Party. She opposed a Russian dance troupe and pro-Russian songs and political propaganda at a national folk festival in St. Louis in 1952. (100-378604) Miss Knott appeared at the Washington Field Office on 11-17-60 to determine if it would be in the best interest of our country to invite Peter Seeger to accompany a group of 20 persons, representing the United States, to a folk festival in Argentina.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES CONCERNING PETER SEEGER AND JENNY VINCENT:

Peter Seeger, a security index subject, is a prominent communist guitarist and singer. He was indicted in March of 1957 for contempt of Congress because of his refusal to answer questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. (100-200845)

Jenny Vincent, whose true name is Jeannette Wells Vincent, is a security index subject. She is a folk singer residing in New Mexico. Her husband, Craig Stephan Vincent, a key figure of the Albuquerque Office, was instrumental in forming a getaway route into Mexico for Communist Party functionaries connected with the Communist Party underground. She appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in June, 1960. She invoked the Fifth Amendment approximately 119 times. Her husband, who appeared before the same Committee in 1953, invoked the Fifth Amendment 26 times to questions regarding his Communist Party membership. (100-342084)

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for any action deemed appropriate.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. DeLoach _____
 Mr. McGuire _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Parsons _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tamm _____
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 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Gandy _____

CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

U.S. v. PETER SEEGER (S.D. N.Y.)

Seeger was indicted on March 26, 1957, for contempt of Congress because of his refusal to answer questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment on the basis of the Watkins decision was denied by the District Court. Trial of the case was continued pending a decision of the Supreme Court in Barenblatt. After several continuances a trial date has been set for November 28, at which time it will be tried jointly with Sullivan (p. 38) and Tyne (p. 39).

On January 28, 1960, District Court Judge Edward Weinfeld denied a Government motion to quash a subpoena served on Congressman Francis E. Walter. Judge Weinfeld in a written opinion held that it is for the defendant and his counsel, not the Government or the subpoenaed witness, to determine who should be offered as witnesses by the Defendants.

The Government's motion to quash subpoenas duces tecum, served on officials of the House of Representatives, was argued on October 20, 1960, and taken under advisement by the Court.

Information included in Internal Security Division Bi-Monthly Status Report for as of 10/31, 1960.

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Date: November 22, 1960
To: Office of Security
Department of State
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Pertinent information regarding Seeger has been furnished to your Department in the past.

On November 17, 1960, Miss Sarah Gertrude Knott appeared at the Washington Field Office of this Bureau and advised that she is the director and founder of the National Folk Festival. She described this organization as a patriotic, cultural organization, the purpose of which is to educate people of the United States and the world to Americana. Miss Knott continued that she had received an invitation from the Government of Argentina to take a group of twenty people to that country which would be representative of folk music in the United States. She stated that she desired to take the subject with her as she considered him an excellent folk musician.

Miss Knott related that her purpose in contacting the FBI was to attempt to determine if it would be in the best interests of this country to invite Seeger to Argentina. She was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files and that the FBI could not make any suggestion whatsoever in this respect. Miss Knott concluded by stating that the Argentine Government had offered to pay the expenses in connection with the above-mentioned trip and that she had an appointment with someone in the Cultural Affairs Section of the State Department regarding this trip.

The foregoing is for your information.

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Office of Security
Department of State

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Seeger is Security Index subject awaiting trial for contempt of Congress. Trial set for 11/28/60. Necessary to secure permission of United States attorney before traveling. All pertinent information in possession of State Department. Above information forwarded by Washington Field airtel 11/17/60.

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Date: 11/17/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-23658)

PETER SEEGER, aka Pete Seeger
SM - C
(OO: NY)

On 11/17/60, a female, who identified herself as Miss SARAH GERTRUDE ~~KNOTT~~, 2310 Ashmeade Place, N. W., telephone number Hobart 2-3566, Washington, D. C., personally appeared at WFO and was interviewed by SA LAWRENCE T. GURLEY. ARG.

Miss KNOTT stated that she is the Director and Founder of the National Folk Festival. She related that this organization is a patriotic, cultural organization, the purpose of which is to "educate people of the United States and the world to Americana." She stated that she wanted no subversive stigma of any kind attached to the National Folk Festival and pointed out that her organization sponsored a Folk Festival in Washington, D. C., at Carter Baron Amphitheater from 6/1-4/60. She said at that time there was "some embarrassment" as a result of JENNY VINCENT having been invited to take part in this Folk Festival and "later publicity which she received." (It will be recalled that JEANNETTE VINCENT WELLS was to participate in this festival and was dropped when she was subpoenaed to appear before a Congressional Investigating Committee.)

Miss KNOTT continued that she has received an invitation from the Government of Argentina to take a group of 20 people to that country which would be representative of folk music in the U. S. In this connection, she stated that she desired to take "some square dancers, some fiddlers and some banjo pickers" and wanted to be sure that she was

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taking the best in each field. In this connection, she stated that she desired to take with her PETE SEEGER, inasmuch as he "has a way with audiences." Her purpose in coming to the FBI was to determine whether or not it would be to the best interests of this country to take PETE SEEGER with her. She immediately stated that "if he is guilty, he should not be kept on a string but should be put away, and if not, he should be left alone." She immediately, thereafter, stated "if I could take him with me, it would be wonderful, but I do not want the whole group to be suspected of being communists." Miss KNOTT was advised that certainly the FBI did not state that SEEGER was a communist, and that we could not advise her one way or the other concerning whom she took with her to Argentina. At this point, she was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files, which she stated she understood. She then stated that she could not get anybody "in government" to furnish her advice in the matter of taking SEEGER on this tour. Miss KNOTT was asked what she had meant with regard to her statement of SEEGER being guilty and referring to communists, and she stated "Oh, PETE is not a bad person, but he may have been indiscreet in the past and possibly did not always use good judgment," and did not further elaborate.

Miss KNOTT concluded by stating that the Argentine Government had offered to pay the expenses in connection with the above-mentioned festival, that she had an appointment with someone in the Cultural Affairs Section of the State Department concerning the tour, and that she merely wanted to go on record with the FBI that she did not uphold communism or anything which was against the best interests of this country and merely recognized PETE SEEGER as an excellent folk musician. She pointed out that the National Folk Festival at one time had received assistance from Mrs. AGNES MEYER, widow of a past publisher of the "Washington Post."

WFO indices reflect that in the report of SA JOSEPH M. ADAMS, at Philadelphia dated 5/6/47 entitled "American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Inc.; IS - R, Registration Act," that on 9/6/45 an informant made available a letter dated 4/9/42 from SARAH GERTRUDE KNOTT, Director of the National Folk Festival which was sponsored by the "Washington Post" Folk Festival Association. This letter indicated that Miss KNOTT was referred to ALEXANDER PORTNOFF, President of the Philadelphia Chapter of American Russian Institute by V. BAZYKIN, then First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy. She requested that PORTNOFF furnish a Russian representative for the Folk Festival which was to be held in Washington in May of 1942.

WFO 100-23658

It is to be noted that WFO maintains a stop notice with the Passport Office concerning SEEGER and any pertinent information will be brought to the attention of the Bureau and New York Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN.: CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS

DATE: 11/4/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-1393)

SUBJECT: JOHN H. HUNTER, JR.
VICE-COMMANDER
FROMM-MAXWELL-DEBAUN
AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 859
SUFFERN, NEW YORK
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

ReBulet 10/31/60.

On 11/4/60, JOHN H. HUNTER, JR., 7 Navajo Trail, Sloatsburg, NY, was interviewed and his letter to the Director dated 10/22/60 was acknowledged. He was tactfully advised that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, could not recommend or comment on matters such as he mentioned in his letter. However, he was thanked for his interest in writing to the Bureau and was advised that five hundred copies of the pamphlet, "Expose of Soviet Espionage", are being forwarded to him from the Bureau.

HUNTER said that in the spring of 1960 the American Legion in Rockland County, NY, conducted a peaceful picket line in protest to the appearance of PETER SEEGER at Spring Valley High School, which was sponsored by the NAACP in Spring Valley, NY. He stated that a small minority of American Legion members were opposed to this action, and comments from other people were heard that this action was un-American.

He stated he wrote to Mr. HOOVER for assurance that the peaceful picket line was the proper method of handling such a public appearance. He pointed out that Mr. HOOVER is so highly respected that advice from him on this matter would have great influence to convince the American Legion members that actions such as this were proper. He stated he understood why the Bureau was unable to recommend or comment on such local matters.

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He stated PETER SEEGAR is scheduled to appear at Nyack, NY, on 11/25 and 11/26/60 and a peaceful picket line conducted by the American Legion members is again being considered. He stated that, as Chairman of the Subversive Activities Committee of Rockland County, he is attempting to obtain subversive information from public records concerning individuals who are to appear at public gatherings so that the people in Rockland County will be alert to subversive influences and aware that people having subversive backgrounds are to appear before the public.

He realized that the FBI has jurisdiction over espionage, sabotage, and other matters affecting the internal security of the US, and he stated that information available to him regarding such matters would be furnished to the FBI. He stated that the American Legion in Rockland County has no intention of conducting any investigations on matters within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

He expressed his appreciation to Mr. HOOVER for forwarding copies of the pamphlet, "Expose of Soviet Espionage", and was highly complimentary of the work of the FBI.

SAC, New York

October 31, 1960

Director, FBI

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JOHN H. HUNTER, JR.

VICE COMMANDER

FROMM-MAXWELL-DEBAUN

AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 859

SUFFERN, NEW YORK

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

There are enclosed two copies of an incoming letter received from captioned individual dated October 22, 1960. Peter Seeger to whom the letter refers is subject of your file 100-83801. Hunter, the correspondent, is not identifiable in Bufiles.

Hunter's letter has not been acknowledged by the Bureau. He should be interviewed by an Agent of your office and his letter to the Director acknowledged at that time. The interview should be conducted on a friendly basis, and he should be tactfully advised that the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government cannot recommend action or comment on matters such as he mentioned. He should be thanked for his interest in writing and told that 500 copies of the pamphlet, "Expose of Soviet Espionage" are being forwarded to him from Bureau Headquarters. Submit results of interview, under above caption, to reach the Bureau no later than November 7, 1960.

Enclosures (2)

Follow up made for 11-7-60.

1 - D. C. Morrell - Room 4235

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500 copies of "Expose of Soviet Espionage"

NOTE: Seeger, a Security Index subject, is a prominent communist guitarist and singer who is under indictment in the U.S. District Court of New York for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions before the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities.

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Elmwood 6-1443

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HISTORIAN
WILLIAM P. LYDON

October 22, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Knowing that you are a very busy man, I will try to make this letter short and to the point. As Vice Commander in charge of Americanism for the Fromm-Maxwell-DeBaun Post #859, and Chairman of the Subversive Activities Committee of the Rockland County Legion, I have a few questions to ask you. I sincerely believe that there is no one that we can turn to who can advise us as well as you.

We have had a few run ins with a man who has been cited by the House Unamerican Activities Committee as having Communistic leanings. This man is Peter Seeger a noted folk singer. We organized a peaceful picket line in protest to his appearance in the high school at Spring Valley, N.Y. Most people thought we were doing right but some condemned us as being unamerican. I would like to know just how you feel about things like this and just how far we should publicize and push incidents like the Peter Seeger one. If you agree with the way we handled this situation or could tell me how to better handle these incidents it would be of immense help to us.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: October 12, 1960

FROM : *curb* Legat, London (100-2101)SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Remylet 6-24-60.

There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available [redacted]

[redacted] states that the information received comes from a delicate source and [redacted] asks that no dissemination be made outside the Bureau.

This case is being placed in an RUC status subject to reopening upon receipt of additional information from [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 12, 1960

PETER SEEGER

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According to T-1 this source also states subject plans to make a brief visit to Holland to see his brother.

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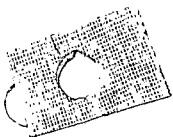
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Peter SEEGER (Title I, p. 41)

On August 3, 1960, argument on the motion was continued to the first part of September. Trial has been set for November 28, 1960.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/1/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
SM-C
(OO:NY)

Remylet dated 7/29/60.

Subject's file in the Passport Office, Department of State, was examined by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 8/29/60, and was found to contain no additional pertinent information. It is noted that subject's 1959 passport is still contained in his file.

Inasmuch as WFO still maintains a stop notice with the Passport Office concerning subject, it is not continuing to check subject's file periodically, but will report pertinent information at such time as it is brought to the attention of this office as a result of the stop notice.

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The Government's motion to quash subpoenas duces tecum, served on officials of the House of Representatives, has been set down for oral argument on July 11, 1960.

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Information included in Internal Security Division Bi-Monthly Status Report ~~for~~ *as of June 30, 1960.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 7/29/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
SM-C
(OO:NY)

^{WFO}
Re ~~NY~~ relets 4/28/60, and 5/19/60.

The subject's file in the Passport Office, Department of State, was reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 7/27/60, and was found to contain no information more recent than that sent by WFO in relets.

Subject's passport 1780911 issued on 9/8/59, and limited to expire on 10/10/59, is still incorporated in his file at the Passport Office.

WFO will maintain contact with the Passport Office to ascertain what further efforts are made by subject or his attorney to secure further validation of his passport.

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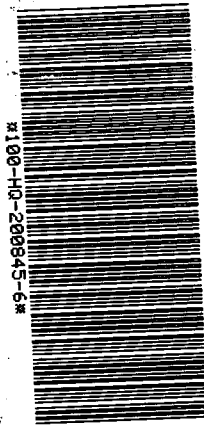
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March 16, 1965

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Reverend Martin Luther Travis
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Box 175
St. Peter, Illinois 62880

Dear Mr. Travis:

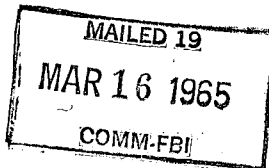
Your letter of March 9th, with enclosure, has been received.

While I certainly would like to be of service to you, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on, or recommend, books or material not prepared by me or personnel of the FBI. In addition, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data relating to the matter you mentioned.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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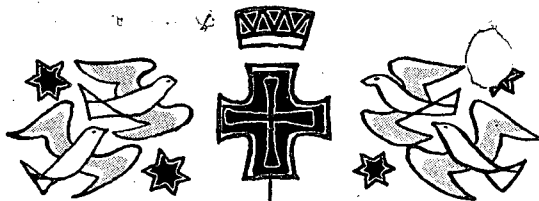
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Reverend Martin Luther Travis

NOTE: Mr. Travis is not identifiable in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter - C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt. "Through To Victory" and Paul C. Neipp are well known to the Bureau. Neipp has received prior cordial correspondence from the Bureau and he has recommended the John Birch Society publications for citizens' reading. His son is a fullleged supporter and worker for Dr. Fred Schwarz.



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March 9, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Hoover,

An evaluation by you of the material in the enclosed publication, Through to Victory, would be most deeply appreciated. I am especially vitally concerned about the article on page two which deals with Pete Seeger. I am the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, one of the congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Walther League is the official youth organization of our church body. This explains my vital interest in learning whether or not the information on Pete Seeger contained in this publication is correct.

Your views on this paper in general would be most helpful. If Paul C. Neipp in Through to Victory is publishing factual truth, I, not only as a Christian pastor but also a dedicated American citizen, intend to do everything possible in assisting in the dissemination of that truth.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Respectfully,

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"We are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us." ROMANS 8:37

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THE STRANGE CASE OF THE COMMUNIST COLONIZERS

By Herbert A. Philbrick

A top government counterspy revealed secret communist colonizers holding vital jobs in the Buffalo, N.Y., area. The transcript of his testimony, together with the testimony of 14 unfriendly witnesses, was released last month. As yet, scant attention has been given by the press. Here is part of the untold, incredible story.

The municipality of Buffalo, N.Y., is the second largest city in the largest state in the union. Located at the hub of converging transportation lines by rail, waterways, superhighways and air, it boasts a vast industrial complex which turns out an enormous quantity of goods and products. Giant manufacturing plants spew forth steel, pig iron, rubber, plastics, lenses and textiles by the carload and shipload; it is a vital center for the production of airplanes, automobiles, machinery and metal products of all kinds and descriptions; oil refining and chemicals are also high on the list of Buffalo products.

Less than 20 miles away lies the gigantic new Niagara electric power production plant, which harnesses the awesome power of this nation's mightiest waterfall, which in turn supplies much of the total electric power used by the Empire State.

Because it takes men to man the machines and the furnaces, Buffalo also boasts one of the nation's largest supplies of trained and skilled craftsmen and workers.

By whatever yardstick one applies, it must be said that Buffalo, New York, is a key city, vital to the defense as well as to the economy of our nation.

So much for the brief background and setting of Buffalo.

Now let us do some "supposing." Specifically, let us imagine that we are still at war with Hitler Germany — (and to judge by the number of motion pictures today appearing on the theatre screens, on the theme of Nazism, you'd think we were). Let us further suppose that the Nazi enemy is still

winning (as they were, for a while) on all fronts; that the fascist hordes had captured and enslaved most of Europe, the mainland of China, North Korea, North Vietnam; that Nazi occupation troops hold a powerful military base on the island of Cuba, equipped with launching pads and rockets armed with thermo-nuclear warheads; that the Nazi enemy has already captured and today controls one third of the world's land mass and one half of the world's civilized population.

Given these circumstances,

can you picture in your mind's eye, the size and prominence of newspaper headlines across the country, if it were announced that a Congressional Committee had discovered secret, hard-core-Nazi Party members holding down jobs in various Buffalo firms, having infiltrated the industrial complex as fascist "colonizers"?

It so happens that last month a Congressional Committee did release to the press an amazing transcript of hearings conducted last spring in Buffalo, New York. The transcript identified and named nine communist colonizers; it also revealed communist infiltration into various organizations in the peace movement, fair housing and racial matters; and the report fur-

ther revealed that two of the colonizers are now engaged in scientific research work supported and paid for by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

HERBERT A. PHILBRICK, famous for his service as a former counterspy for the F.B.I., and author of I LED THREE LIVES, still devotes a major portion of his time to the fight for freedom. Through many sources of information, on both sides of the iron curtain, he maintains close and continuing watch on the activities of the communists, their fellow-traveling supporters and allies who would destroy the freedom of all people.

Yet, so far as I know, few if any newspapers in the United States gave more than passing attention to the story. Indeed, at least one newspaper — the Buffalo Courier-Express — editorialized against the House investigating committee, and implied that the "right" of communist agents to infiltrate vital manufacturing plants had something to do with the exercise of civil liberties.

Thus lies, still largely untold, one of the most amazing stories of communist intrigue and duplicity, yet uncovered by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The Congressional Investigators

Although the transcript has just been released, the hearings themselves were conducted over a two day period, on April 29 and 30, 1964. Presiding in the absence of Mr. Willis, the Chairman, was Congressman Joe R. Pool of Texas. Other Committee members present were August E. Johansen of Michigan;

AMERICAN EDUCATION BEING DE-CHRISTIANIZED

By Mark Fakkema

In this brief message we shall describe the Christian character of the early schools of America and incidentally call attention to the Christian character of our nation which gave rise to our erstwhile Christian schools.

The Christian character of a school depends upon: (1) the Christian character of its teachers and (2) the Christian character of its textbooks.

As to the type of teachers employed in the early days of our country, we can say that the teachers of those days had to pass a religious test before they were allowed to teach. These tests were administered by the clergy.

As to the type of textbooks used, we must note that the Bible was the chief text. The text that was generally used to teach

the pupils how to read during the Colonial period was known as the New England Primer. More than three-fourths of the content of this book was taken from the Bible and the remaining fourth was spiritual and moral in character.

The Bible From A to Z

It may interest our readers to know how this textbook taught the A-B-C's. Each letter was introduced by a small picture and an accompanying statement that featured the letter to be taught. For example, the first letter "A" was taught by means of a picture showing Eve, a tree and a serpent. The accompanying statement read, "In Adam's fall we sinned all." The last letter "Z" was also introduced by a picture of a tree. In its branches was a man of small stature. The accompanying statement read, "Zachaeus he did climb a tree his Lord to see."

In 1647 the General Court of Massachusetts issued the following order: "It being the chief project of the old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures, effort must be made to thwart this old deluder. It is therefore ordered that every township in this jurisdiction, after the Lord has increased it to the number of 50 households, shall then appoint one of their town to teach all such children as shall report to him to write and read."

It is not without a touch of irony that we must report that 300 years later — in the year 1948 — the Supreme Court of our land banished the teaching of religion from our public schools. Think of it, 300 years ago religious teaching was demanded by the Supreme Court of our New England Colony. Today our Supreme Court has outlawed the teaching of religion in the public schools of our

land!"

Harvard in 1636

Think also of the conditions under which Mr. Harvard in 1636 endowed what is now Harvard University. In his bequest Mr. Harvard stated:

"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main ends of his life and studies; to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all knowledge and learning and see the Lord only giveth wisdom. Let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to see Christ as Lord and Master."

Contrast this splendid Christian testimony with the thrust of a book recently published by the professors of this same Harvard University at the expense of some \$60,000.00. This book is known as the Harvard Report. It states in effect that today we have advanced educationally to a point where God and Jesus Christ play no part in education. According to this report, the Bible is no authority in the field of educational endeavor. Today the religious emphasis prescribed by Harvard's Founder has become a

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ENEMY INSTRUCTIONS "STEEL CONCENTRATION:

"(1) Three basic industries, steel, railroad and mining. These are the basis to the national economy, that is if any one or all three are shut down by strike our economy is paralyzed. It is necessary for a Marxist Revolutionary Party to be rooted in these industries.

"(2) Steel is the biggest industry in the Buffalo area. The steel union is also key to the policy of the C.I.O. . . .

"(3) We must build a mass communist party rooted in the working class and particularly in the basic industries because the militancy and solid working class orientation of these workers is vital to the life and growth of our Party."

From a secret Communist directive to top Soviet-American Communists in the Buffalo area, 1955 or 1956.

Richard H. Ichord of Missouri; and John M. Ashbrook of Ohio.

Also present were Francis J. McNamara, Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities; William Hitz and Alfred Nittle, counsel; and yet

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THE ATTACK ON THE FAITH GETS SAVAGE

Prof. Morton Scott Enslin, ABC Crozer Seminary, "I believe that many things which Jesus said were true, but not because He said them. I believe that the whole view of the holy history with its theory of a chosen people, special revelation, prophecies, is utterly unconvincing and basically vicious. I believe that beneath this whole superstructure of the 'divine plan of salvation' with its precise way in which God designs to save men, is but one solid foundation; namely, man's brave effort to save himself."

Another liberal: "The ideas of Jesus are not only barbarous and inhuman. As liberals in religion, why should we commemorate the death of Jesus? Jesus is not the center of our religion. Why do we not

commemorate the life of Emerson or Socrates or of Immanuel Kant?"

Prof. William E. Didge: "Sin itself is quest for God — a blundering quest but a quest for all that. The man who got drunk last night did so because of the impulse within him to break through the barriers of his limitations, to express himself and to realize the more abundant life. His self-indulgence just came to that; he wanted, if only for a brief hour, to live the larger life, to expand the soul, to enter untrodden regions, to gather to himself new experiences. That drunken debauch was a quest for life, a quest for God." These are quoted in Dr. W. A. Criswell's book, "These Issues We Must Face." — The Blu-Print, Nov. 1964.

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The Editor Says....

Pete Seeger, Identified Communist, To Entertain at Walther League Convention

Southern California Leaguer, official organ of the Southern California District Walther League of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, carries this notice in its January 29, 1965, issue concerning the International Convention at Squaw Valley, California:

This year's convention will be very unique, highlighting the following features:

An Exodus theme

We'll have a "sit-in" with Israel and meet their God I AM. In a modern scene

We'll look at our own Pharaoh's and slavery, deliverance and freedom.

With old faces

Don Busarow, Norm Habel, Paul Harms — men with a yen for the Scriptures spoken in music and drama for the day.

With new faces

Ann Landers speaking to the call to be male and female. Folk singer PETE SEEGER providing a musical interlude. Paul Pfothner and R. Z. Meyer reaching through to us in new forms of worship and Bible study.

Who Is Pete Seeger?

An organization, known as "Citizens Committee of California, Inc." has given us the following information:

Seeger is a sort of hill-billy "proletariat" who picks up a guitar and sings what he calls "people's songs." A few years ago, Seeger and some others organized "People's Songs, Inc." A Communist testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (2/6/52) stated that the directors of the organization were "members of the Communist Party cell. . . ." At that time the House Committee's Counsel (Mr. Tavenner) identified "People's Songs" as "An organization which, according to its issues of February and March, 1947, was composed of a number of persons who have been called before this Committee or identified by this Committee as members of the Communist Party, and the purpose of which . . . was to extend services of the Communist Party in its entertainment projects." Seeger is the director of "People's Songs, Inc."

Dickson P. Hall, who operated within the Communist Party as an FBI undercover man, testified that the "Party has songs which are more or less traditional with people in struggle." They are used to animate and influence audiences. The Communists have long had a slogan "Art is a weapon" and have used musicians, writers, actors to serve their cause.

Pete Seeger was called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (8/18/55) for interrogation about his affiliations. During the questioning he was asked whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party as of July 4, 1955, and when he refused to answer he was asked, "Are you a member of the Communist Party now?" Again he refused to answer the question (P. 2460 — HCUA Report, Aug. 18, 1955.)

Before the House Committee Seeger consistently refused responsive answers. He was asked if he put on his singing "concerts" to raise money for the Communist Party. He refused to answer. Other testimony has established that the Communists do promote certain "artists" and take a substantial slice of the receipts. This "People's Songs" project headed by Seeger has a long record of pro-Communist activity.

In its Annual Report of December 28, 1952, the House Committee on Un-American Activities said under its title "Communist Activities Among Youth Groups" that in entertainment, and the "folk song field" many of the songs "belong to the Communist-controlled 'People's Songs' which recently changed its name to 'People's Artists.'"

The records show that scores of announcements of Seeger's programs have appeared in the **Daily Worker** and other Communist papers over the years. The **People's World** (West Coast CP paper) on Feb. 8, 1959, carried a long article by old-time Communist writer Mike Gold titled "Paeon to Pete Seeger and American Music." He eulogized Seeger and described his dialectical-class singing technique. **American Mercury** magazine for July, 1959, says (p. 149) "Pete Seeger, Chattanooga guitarist-singer, who has taken part in Highlander Folk School activities, has been cited 66 times for subversive activities."

Out of what has been reported here, the question arises as to how Seeger who has been identified before the House Com-

mittee on Un-American Activities as "the best known of all the Communist Party's entertainers," could be engaged to play and sing for our Walther Leaguers? Just who is on the committee that selected Pete Seeger for this program? We would be happy if someone could furnish us with this information.

A Red Is A Red Is A Red

We must realize that we are at war with the communists. They know it for they started it. But many Americans treat these criminal conspirators as if they were reputable citizens of the U.S.A. Communists are Communists wherever they are! There is no such thing as a good Communist and a bad Communist. They all are the same for they all are taught and believe the same evil doctrines. There is no difference between a Soviet Communist, a Chinese Communist, a Viet Cong Communist, and an American Communist. They all are dedicated to the overthrow of all existing governments other than their own. World conquest is their goal. The destruction of all religions, especially the Christian religion, is an obsession with them.

Does anyone in his right mind believe for one moment that a Communist Youth Group would engage a true Christian Gospel singer to sing "Jesus Lover of My Soul" or "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" for any of their meetings? Or sing songs that would ridicule the Communist Party? Just so little should we condone the insanity of engaging an identified Communist to sing his brand of "folk songs" before our Christian young people. The Reds are no such fools. Why should we be?

If those responsible for putting Seeger on the Walther League Convention Program are allowed to get by with this, what will stop them from engaging Gus Hall, Frank Wilkinson, Herbert Aptheker, or some other identified Communist as **key-note speaker** for the next convention? And, judging by the way the Walther League official publication, **Arena**, has nose-dived from one of the finest, most conservative youth periodicals in the land with 70,000 paid subscribers under Dr. Walter A. Maier, to a third-rate propaganda medium with less than 6,000 subscribers under the present editorial policy, it certainly can happen at one of the not too far distant conventions. —P.C.N.

"Art Is A Weapon"

For those who do not believe that the Communists use "art as a weapon" — which is a Red slogan — consider the following from the Folk Singer's "Hit Parade."

Jesus puts his money in the First National Bank;
Jesus puts his money in the First National Bank;
Jesus puts his money in the First National Bank;
Jesus saves, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.
(Tune: "Battle Hymn of the Republic.")

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born thing,
Who, because of radiation,
Will be cared for by the nation.

Christianity hits the spot;
Twelve apostles, that's a lot;
Holy Ghost and a virgin, too;
Christianity is the thing for you.
(Tune: Pepsi Cola Jingle.)

Or consider this song, written to the tune of "Billy Boy," which ridicules one of our first lines of defense in time of cold war — the House Committee on Un-American Activities — which the Reds are determined to destroy so that factual information about Communists can no longer be accumulated and made public so that America may know:

Did they wash you down the stair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did they wash you down the stair, Charming Billy?
Yes, they washed me down the stair,
And they rearranged my hair

With a club, in the city hall rotunda.
Were there pigeons in the square, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Were there pigeons in the square, Charming Billy?

There were pigeons in the square,
And stool pigeons on the air,
And they fouled up the city hall rotunda.
Did they set for you a chair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did they set for you a chair, Charming Billy?

No the D.A.R. was there,
And there wasn't room to spare,
So we stood in the city hall rotunda.

Was the house committee there, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Was the house committee there, Charming Billy?

The committee, it was there,
Throwing slander everywhere,
While we sang in the city hall rotunda.

Did the people think it fair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did the people think it fair, Charming Billy?

No they didn't think it fair,
And they notified the Mayor,
And he wept, and he wept,
And he wept, and he wept,
While they mopped up the city hall rotunda.

This version of "Billy Boy" appeared in **Sing Out**, an alleged folk song magazine of which identified Communist Pete Seeger is an associate editor.

Red Tactics

If Pete Seeger runs true to form, he will get our Leaguers to join him in singing some songs. Whenever this is done, it brings about a feeling of harmony and closeness between the
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PRAYER

Dear Father in heaven, we come to Thee with the heavy burdens that lie upon our hearts. Even though over one-third of the world is already under Communist domination, millions of Americans are too blind to see that it is also happening here.

Universities that once were citadels of truth and culture are being changed for the worse by irresponsible and radical students who are being used by Communist agitators.

Faculties that once taught Americanism and high standards of right and wrong have now become infiltrated by professors who teach Marxist ideologies and relativism.

Many Church bodies that once stood for sound doctrine and practice have now defected from the faith and are turning out ministers who question the authority of the Bible, the deity of Christ, and other fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion.

In many churches the social gospel has been substituted for the saving Gospel; secularized Sunday School literature has replaced Bible-centered literature; the desire for union of all denominations and bigness has crowded out all thoughts of doctrinal unity.

In ways too numerous to mention Satan and his followers are attacking the Word of God, trying to destroy the churches, and leading countless unindoctrinated and indifferent souls to hell.

O God, have mercy upon us! Forgive us our many sins as a nation and as individuals. Cast us not off in Thy holy righteousness. Spare us for the sake of the precious blood of Thy Son.

Fill all Christians with a renewed zeal to fight for Thy holy cause, to live the Christian life, to testify to others about their Savior, to win sinners for Thy kingdom of grace, to keep in constant communion with Thee through prayer.

Give us the victory over all the forces of Satan that are so desperately working to destroy us, so that Thy name may be glorified to the ends of the earth.

In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

BE STRONG

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; We have hard work to do and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle—face it; 'Tis God's gift!

BE STRONG!

Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?" And fold the hands and acquiesce—

Oh, shame! Stand up, speak out; and bravely, in God's name.

BE STRONG!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong, How hard the battle goes, the day how long

Faint not — fight on! Tomorrow comes the song. (Babcock).

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singer and the audience. Most of our young people who, sad to say, are shamefully ignorant about the tactics used by the Reds, will go away with the feeling that identified Communists aren't such bad guys after all. If Pete Seeger who has the ability to touch their heartstrings is an identified Red, then what's wrong with Communism? This is what the Red Fascists are after: To be accepted by our youth as talented and respectable Americans. In which way could we better help these criminal conspirators accomplish their purpose than by making our youth a captive audience of "folk singer" Seeger?

We'll Never Live it Down

As we see the grim pictures on television of American-flag-draped coffins containing the earthly remains of our brave servicemen from Vietnam, killed by the Reds in sneak attacks, it will be to the everlasting shame and disgrace of our Church and our Walther Leaguers in particular to be entertained by someone like Pete Seeger and to help pay for the "entertainment" at that.

What To Do

However, a flood of letters to Dr. Oliver R. Harms, the President of our Synod, with a carbon copy to Rev. Elmer N. Witt, Executive Director of the Walther League, demanding the removal of identified Communist Pete Seeger from the Convention Program should bring results in quick order. Also, please send a carbon of your letter to **Through to Victory** as we definitely are interested in the number of letters or petitions sent in. Their addresses: Dr. Oliver R. Harms, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102; Rev. Elmer N. Witt, 875 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610. Rev. Witt is also on the Editorial Staff and Board of **Arena**.

Act Now!

Action must be taken at once since the first deadline for applications to attend the Walther League Convention is April 1. A deposit of \$40 or more must accompany the registration. Total cost is \$70, which "includes housing, meals, insurance, program, and souvenir item" (emphasis ours). —P.C.N.

SEEGER AND THE COMMUNIST LINE

Under the dateline of October 30, 1963, the following appeared in **The Freedom Press** in an article entitled "Subversion By Hootenanny Is Revealed As No Myth," written by Lawrence Cott:

"Last month Hawaii was visited by an indefatigable propagandist, Pete Seeger, who stopped off on a world tour to plant a few seeds of strong, Communist-oriented propaganda."

After describing Seeger's trip, the article continues:

"Pete Seeger considers himself an active propagandist. In a sympathetic interview in the Communist youth magazine, **New Horizons for Youth**, April-May, 1962, Seeger said, 'So if any one wants to find out what my politics are it is easy for them to find out simply by attending one of my programs. I've never tried to pull punches, and if they listened to me one evening they will have a better definition of what I believe in.'"

Regarding some of the songs Seeger sang, the article goes on to say:

"An alert observer August 24th would have noticed that more than half the 'folk' songs were new or recent, that most were copyrighted (tarnishing the 'folk' image) and that most were of the 'protest' variety. (No happy folk songs?)"

"One might wonder how little historical fact and how much agitational propaganda was contained in his song on the plight of Negro mothers caring for white children in the mansion while their own children were untended in the cotton fields with 'the buzzards pecking out their eyes.'"

"Another popular 'folk' verse left one final thought: as the tornado bore down on the church the minister took up one final collection and ran."

Seeger's main propaganda vehicles are described in these words: "(1) The 'didactic little ditty' from Japan about nuclear bombs, (2) A copyrighted attack, immersed in sarcasm, on American schools as institutions of indoctrination, ending with a student's complaint he might not get his chance to fight in a war, (3) A finale, his own copyrighted 'Where Have All the Flowers Gone,' inspired by a passage from Soviet writer Mikhail Sholokov's 'And Quiet Flows the Don.'"

—P.C.N.

CLEVELAND RESOLUTION ON COMMUNISM

May we call attention to those responsible for placing Pete Seeger, identified Communist, on the program for the International Walther League Convention to be held at Squaw Valley, California, this summer, to Resolution 4-28, adopted at the Synodical Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1962.

Found on page 120 of **Proceedings**, the pertinent paragraphs read as follows:

WHEREAS, Communism, secularism, and other insidious forces and ideologies that aim to identify Christianity with the American, or western, way of life are infiltrating our American society; and

WHEREAS, These forces, particularly Communism, have expressed religious philosophies which are, atheistic by intent and purpose — namely, substituting the creature for the Creator and renouncing the need of a Savior from sin; and

WHEREAS, Many members of our church desire some guidance as they study these forces and ideologies, so dangerous and possibly damaging to their Christian faith, specifically also a study of the religious aspects of atheistic and materialistic Communism; therefore be it (emphasis ours)

RESOLVED, That the Synod's congregations and their societies continue to be sensitive to such forces and ideologies and inform themselves regarding the nature and menace of such soul-destroying, enslaving ideologies. (Emphasis ours).

It is obvious that the program committee for the Walther Convention is violating the clear intent of this resolution.

—P.C.N.

Guess Again

"What a damned rotten shame."

"Damn it, I mean the exact, actual, physical cause of his death."

"Damn it, that's what I want!"

"Damn it, John, why don't you answer it?"

"What the hell are you talking about?"

"Damn it, that's all they're supposed to preach anyway."

"God, you're a fool, John."

"God, how can you stand religion?"

Guess where the above expressions are found? Very likely your guess would be in some cheap, vulgar magazine found on the newsstand — the kind of a rag you wouldn't want your children to read.

If so, you're dead wrong!

These sentences, with their cursing and using God's holy name in vain, are found in the play "The Community," by Malcolm Boyd, on pages 29-36 of the January-February issue of **Arena**, our official youth publication.

Is this the kind of reading material that you want your son or daughter to read? Does this kind of a "play" belong in a church publication? Does it edify? Must we put up with this corruption of the minds of our youth in our own church's youth magazine?

We see only one solution — demand the removal of Rev. Klausner as editor of **Arena** and have him replaced by a man who is "of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at God's Word." (Isaiah 66:2).

Not only does **Arena** not edify the faith of our young people, it helps tear it down. —P.C.N.

REGARDING FALSE DOCTRINE AND PERSECUTION IN ARENA

One of the most shocking statements ever made in any of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's official publications is that found in the January-February 1965 issue of **Arena** by the Rev. Wayne Saffen, Campus Pastor at the University of Chicago. On Page 14, in his article, "A Lutheran Looks at the Jews," he states:

"This latter implies a theological viewpoint with which many Christians would disagree, but which is emerging out of biblical studies. It is that it may be God's purpose to deal with the Jews as His chosen people in His own merciful way without requiring their conversion to Christianity while dealing with Gentiles in the Church. There is an unbiblical presumption in believing that Jews are 'lost' because they are not Christian. Rather than Jews joining the church it seems more biblical to say that Christians are incorporated in Israel, becoming the children of promise by grace and not by birthright."

The Bible Calls This "Damnable Heresy"

Pastor Saffen states "that it may be God's purpose to deal with the Jews . . . without requiring conversion to Christianity." However, our Lord Jesus tells the unbelieving Jews in His day: "I said therefore unto you, ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). Again the Scriptures declare: "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:18,36). Jesus further declares: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). "If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). And the prince of the Apostles, addressing the rulers and elders of Israel, categorically states: "Neither is there salvation in any other (than Jesus Christ, i.e.): for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). And John the Beloved adds: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father" (1 John 2:22-23). And finally Peter comes right out and calls the denial of our Lord "damnable heresy." "There shall also be false teachers among you, who shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (2 Pet. 2:1).

These are crystal clear passages from the Bible showing that there are not two ways of salvation — one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. With the kind of Bible interpretation now current among so-called modern "theologians," we can expect anything to "emerge out of biblical studies" with the exception of the truth.

Pastor Saffen further makes the unwarranted assumption that the present day apostate Jews represent the true Israel. St. Paul reminds us, "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly . . . but he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God" (Rom. 2:28-29). "For we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus . . . and if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:26-29). What could be clearer than these passages of Holy Writ?

"Our Damned Piety of Quietism"

Pastor Saffen also states on page 13: "Did it ever occur to Christians to ask forgiveness from those whom they have persecuted? — in the Name of Jesus Christ of all people! The whole blessed mess cannot all be laid on the shoulders of Hitler and so absolve the rest of us from our damned piety of quietism." When a person's arguments are miserably weak and helplessly anemic he sometimes resorts to cursing. We fear this is the case with "theologian" Saffen when he blames us Christians for what

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Letters Protest Seeger Appearance

We understand (from Dr. McBirnie's radio program) that the Missouri Synod Walther Leaguers are featuring Pete Seeger on their entertainment list at the Squaw Valley retreat this summer. How about that? Would like it confirmed and printed in the **TTV** if so.

Missouri Synod is right in their "punching"!! Please renew our **TTV**. Oceanside, Calif.

People from our congregation are very much stirred up about the whole proposed program of the International Walther League.

If there is anything we can do to help **Through to Victory** on this we are ready to do what we can.

In our local church we plan to get out the facts on Pete Seeger to our people, and, after they have digested that, we hope to call a **Through to Victory** meeting.

South San Gabriel, California

Just heard Dr. Stewart McBirnie on his "Voice of Americanism" — he read from the young people's magazine of Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, that the young people, when they meet in Squaw Valley in July, will have a known Communist — Pete Seeger — with his folk songs.

He offered radio time to an official of the Missouri Synod to deny his charges. He said he wept tears for he said there was no preacher like the late Dr. Walter Maier (he has such respect for the Missouri Synod).

Also Martin Luther would turn over in his grave, if he knew this was going on.

Pastor, I'm so concerned for our dear Missouri Synod. I hope much of this can be taken care of at the June convention, but we have to expose this Seeger deal soon! And so much else going on under cover.

I pray daily, and pray fervently that the Lord will take a hand. Our people are so lax, so apathetic. God forgive us and alert us for Christ's sake.

What can I or others of our church do to alert other ministers? So many say "It can't happen here." Our money is being used to support the ones who are going to murder us. Can you front page this in **TTV** in the March issue? We're truly in the last, last days.

Los Angeles, California

Editor's Note: Dr. W. S. McBirnie's program, "The Voice of Americanism," is heard Monday through Saturday over eight powerful radio stations covering large areas of California, Oregon, and Washington.

If this minister of the United Community Church of Glendale, California, should weep over this, how great should our sorrow be?

American Principles

Hon. E. T. Benson

What are the fundamental principles which have allowed the United States to progress so rapidly and yet remain free?

First, a written Constitution clearly defining the limits of government so that government will not become more powerful than the people.

Second, an economic system characterized by:

Free enterprise — the right to venture, the right to choose. Private property — the right to own, develop and enjoy.

A market economy—the right to exchange and to profit.

Third, building an open society where each individual enjoys the greatest opportunity to improve himself, to travel, to become educated, to invent, to compete, to build, to speak, to worship, and to pursue happiness in whatever way the individual finds most satisfying and worthwhile.

Fourth, assigning government the role of referee rather than competitor — giving it enough power to provide peace, order and security but not enough power to rob the people of their liberty or take their property "without due process of law."

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he calls "our damned piety of quietism."

I ask you, are we Christians to be blamed for the sins of godless men like Hitler? What Christian ever persecuted the Jews? Now, of course, if denouncing Jewish sins is "persecution" and "hatred," then, no doubt, all Christians are "guilty." Then Jesus Christ is most guilty. (Cf. Matt. 23: 13-39; Luke 11: 39-54).

The historical fact is that the Jews, especially the religious leaders, who would not accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah, are the ones who first persecuted the Christians. They instigated the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Jewish leaders stoned Stephen, the first Christian martyr (Acts 7). They instigated the persecution and stoning of St. Paul. (Cf. Acts 9:23-25; 14:1,2,19 etc.) However, no reference to this is made in *Arena* in any of the statements on persecution.

Besides, Hitler has been dead for some twenty years, and they are blaming Christians who were not even born at that time for what Hitler did. Jews today are not only the wealthiest people on earth, they have many top positions in governments all over the world. Their power, wealth and prestige is proportionately greater than that of any other people in the world. How could these people prosper if they are so persecuted?

Would it not be more appropriate and honest to talk about the quietism of Christians concerning the persecution of fellow Christians in Communist lands? It is estimated that one hundred million people are in slave labor camps in Communist lands today. It is further estimated that well over a hundred million have already been put to death by the Communists throughout the world since 1917. Isn't this something, rather, that should bestir a Christian before this holocaust also engulfs us? Our danger is not from Nazism. Nazism is a dead horse. Why continue to kick a dead horse? Our danger is from Communism—both internal and external. This is something the Reds know. Therefore, to divert our attention from the persecutions of Christians and non-Christians alike that are going on today, the Communists are forever playing up the persecutions under Hitler and playing down the greatest mass murders the world has ever witnessed under atheistic Communism. It would be just as idiotic to hold us Christians responsible for the slaughter of millions by the godless Reds today as it is to hold us Christians responsible for the persecution of the Jews by the godless Nazis two decades ago.

—P.C.N.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT ARENA?

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. If we sit on our hands and allow our youth to be contaminated by some of the material that appears in *Arena*, then we have no one to blame but ourselves. If we are so unconcerned about what is being fed to our youth through our publications, then we deserve to have them grow up so broad-minded that they become shallow, so doctrinally indifferent that they become easy prey to any false doctrine, so indifferent to the truth that they embrace error.

If you are really concerned but fail to pray and to act and to work for what is right, then are you not shirking your duty as a disciple of Christ? This writer is of the opinion that our clergy and our teachers and our laity in general are devout, conservative Christians. He is also of the opinion that those who present views similar to the ones expressed by the Rev. Wayne Saffen in *Arena* are in the minority. But such theologically false views will continue to be expressed in *Arena* unless those who stand for sound doctrine will rise up as an army and protest in no uncertain terms.

Let us bear in mind that *Arena* is the official organ of our Walther League and should have as its purpose the development of Christian manhood and womanhood. How important this is since the youth of our Church today will be the leaders of our Church tomorrow.

Not a Pretty Picture

But *Arena*, under the editorship of the Rev. Alfred P. Klauser, has radically departed from the high principles and sound doctrine established by the founders of the *Walther League Messenger* (now *Arena*). No wonder that subscriptions to *Arena* have plummeted from 70,000 under Dr. Walter A. Maier to less than 6,000 as of December 1964. This indicates the dissatisfaction of many of our clergy, youth counselors, parents, and young people with the present editorial policy.

The Synodical Convention will be held June 16-25 at Detroit, Michigan. There still is time to draw up a memorial or a petition to the Convention demanding that Alfred P. Klauser be removed as Editor of *Arena*. Such memorials may be drawn up by districts, circuit conferences, congregations, or individuals. They must be duly signed by communicant members or designated officers and sent to the President of our Synod, Dr. Oliver R. Harms, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. You may solicit signatures from any communicant member of the Missouri Synod if you wish. The memorial or petition must be in the hands of the President by March 10 in order to be printed in the Book of Memorials. However, any memorial sent in up to 10 days before the Convention must be considered. If you wish, you may also send a copy or a notice of your memorial to *Through to Victory*.

—P.C.N.

'Lines' Thrown to Christians in Arena

ARENA, the youth magazine of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, in the issue of Jan-Feb 1965, contains an integration article by Federal Judge James B. Parsons.

Because *ARENA* has chosen to set Judge Parsons up as an authority on Christian attitudes and action in regard to racial problems we shall examine his pronouncements. In short, we shall treat him as an equal—as a fallible man rather than as a sacrosanct prophet of an oppressed race—keeping in mind that his training has undoubtedly made him more political than theological. We shall judge Judge Parsons' article "Moral Leadership in Christian Brotherhood" on its own merit—or lack thereof.

According to Judge Parsons the Negro's "great obligation" is not to save his soul and the souls of others but to achieve

"full equality" and bring about with our help (not God's) "a nation and community of many peoples united in their common greatness." That could be straight from Marx.

THOUGHT CONTROL

Judge Parsons hurriedly goes through the motions of establishing the "God-given principle" of his thesis on social and economic equality and then relentlessly repeats the fallacy. Our zealous but confused youth are offered an opportunity to identify with a seemingly noble cause, and he is confident that their contagious Christian enthusiasm will induce the clergy to take up the chant. Once the clergy has been hoodwinked Judge Parsons' goal is in sight.

The prospects for Pavlovian thought control over churchgoers elate Judge Parsons. The method is childishly simple. Hitler reduced it to this formula: "Repeat it often enough and most people will believe it." Judge Parsons repeatedly states his central theme that racial bias is "the worst of the great sins" and "equality is the first fundamental in Christianity." He could be correct if he were referring to spiritual equality (Christian individualism) rather than to the Marxist concept of social and economic "equality."

Judge Parsons spells out the final steps to be taken in bringing about the layman's inability to think for himself: "... (the clergy must) mutually pledge to strike hard against this, the worst of the great sins. ... There must be ... by some technique of leadership a convincing conversion, a controlled conquering of the consciences. ... (ministers must) add condemnation to their definition of the worst of sins ... to the end that their laities join them unanimously. ... (this can be achieved) with endless words of wisdom and guidance and authority and integrity." But no facts!

OPEN DISCUSSION OF FACTS

He wants the clergy to organize to suppress any dissenting voices: "They must solidify their professional unity so securely that reactionaries can no longer divide and conquer or threaten their professional security, as a result of their ability always to find another minister who will not embarrass them in their bigotries." Any minister who refuses to accept the revelations of Judge Parsons would apparently be defrocked as a heretic.

We don't mean to sound sarcastic, but it strikes us that Judge Parsons is somewhat bigoted. He could possibly learn something through an open discussion of his problem, and we're certain there are things we could learn from him if he will condescend to discuss facts with us. Our church organization has a doctrinal basis and doctrinal heretics should certainly be expelled, but we can tolerate a number of viewpoints regarding solutions to complex social problems—assuming that none of the viewpoints are unchristian.

PRUDENCE

Christian doctrine neither commands nor forbids either integration or segregation. It calls for love. It could be proper under peculiar local circumstances, primarily in the Deep South for a congregation of segregationists to direct a prospective church member of another race to a church which the segregationists, but of Christian Love and a respect for their own culture, have built specifically for the other race.

There are of course some obvious adverse effects. Although the members of the congregation might have clear consciences in exercising their Christian liberty this act of discrimination would drive away from churches in general those nominal Christians who are zealous integrationists. On the other hand it would keep together a congregation of segregationists and keep the door open for the segregationist who is a luke-warm Christian looking for a church in which to become active.

Each congregation must carefully and prayerfully consider the probable long-range effect of such decisions. The question that should be asked: "Will integration (or segregation) of our church win more souls than it will lose?" It is a matter of prudence, not doctrine.

It is our opinion that the vast majority of Lutherans have no strong feelings on the subject of integration. They intuitively know the theological unsoundness of the "doctrine of integration" and deplore the extremist tactics of the opinion-molders who in the name of Christianity have unwittingly waged what is in effect a hate campaign against segregationists. Christian segregationists have in this respect been more tolerant. They do not teach that integrationists should be condemned for committing "the worst of the great sins." They merely point out that Christian integrationists should pause to reflect on the probable consequences of their impetuous statements and actions.

PARADOX

Judge Parsons dazzles us with figures and feigns naive shock over the paradox that "86 per cent of our religion-professing people possess some degree of racial or color bias." This makes him sound very scientific. But doesn't tell us who pulled this number out of whose hat.

Here is a real paradox: so-called responsible Negro integration leaders are vociferous supporters of socialistic measures which obviously tend to make the Negroes more irresponsible and thus more unacceptable. Unemployed Negroes (and non-Negroes) who have been encouraged to "stand up for their rights" refuse employment because the work is "beneath their dignity" and the pay is little more than their welfare dole. Do integration leaders seize this opportunity to improve the image of the Negro by exhorting him to earn his daily bread? Do they advocate stricter administration and less generous doles in an effort to make loafing less attractive? No, they clamor for new and bigger government programs, forgetting the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln who observed that tearing down the rich does not build up the poor.

It certainly looks from here as though the leading integrationists are in fact the leading socialists who deliberately agitate against our free enterprise system which is based on the right to own and control private property. Every socialistic program requires a bigger tax bite which makes the ownership of private property less attractive and the fruits of hard work less tangible.

DEMOCRATIC CONCEPT

When confronted with these facts the socialist goes into a

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The Strange Case of the Communist Colonizers

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eran committee staff investigators Louis J. Russell and Philip R. Manuel.

The Courageous Counterspy

The story of the Government's star witness, Mr. Andrew J. Berez, is in itself a sensational disclosure. For the record-breaking period of 20 years — from 1942 to 1962 — Mr. Berez has successfully served as a counterspy for the FBI. How he managed to do it is a matter to which I would hope he someday devotes a book. I am sure it would constitute an important addition to the fund of knowledge we already have of the communist conspiracy in this country.

His entrance into the cloak and dagger life began, as many of the stories do, quite by accident. Andrew J. Berez was born in Hungary in 1914. He emigrated to the United States at the age of 15. Four years later he went to work with the American Radiator Company, where he has now been continuously employed for 31 years. He is proudly a member of the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, Local 1199.

In 1936 Mr. Berez became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Shortly thereafter, because of the insurance benefits offered by it, Mr. Berez joined the International Workers Order, more commonly known as the IWO. He was elected financial secretary of the Hungarian section, and held that position until the IWO was dissolved by the State of New York in 1953.

Mr. Berez testified that in 1942, his IWO Club contributed \$300.00 to each of several nationality papers, plus one \$300.00 contribution to the Daily Worker. Mr. Berez participated in the authorization of the contribution, not aware at the time that the Worker was the official propaganda mouthpiece for the communist movement.

Within a month after the IWO donation to the communist newspaper, two of the comrades showed up again, and this time they did not ask, but demanded, \$600.00 more for the Communist Party.

Mr. Berez, as Chairman of the IWO Club, indignantly refused to sign the check. He announced that he was not a communist and had no intentions of becoming one. In the rhubarb which followed, Mr. Berez was ejected from his office as Chairman of the Club, but was permitted to retain his position as financial secretary of the Hungarian Section. It is not recorded who was the most astonished; Mr. Berez, with his abrupt discovery of communist domination of the IWO; or the comrades, who apparently, and mistakingly, assumed that Mr. Berez had been pro-communist if not communist, all the time.

In any event, on the following day Mr. Berez was visited by three agents of the FBI. He agreed to report to them on communist activities within the IWO; and later he further agreed to join the Communist Party itself as a counterspy for the FBI. And thus began his assignment in the service of our nation which was to last for 20 years.

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CHANGED?

"The record of this hearing speaks for itself. There are those who say that communism presents no problem — and no danger — to the United States. I believe that the facts developed in this hearing and the conduct of the witnesses (all of them who were identified as members of the Communist Party) are sufficient to refute this claim. 'Basically, there are only two ways of life in governmental or political sphere — the way of law and the way of the jungle.'"

"Communism, through the conduct of its adherents in these hearings, has been shown to be a throwback, a back-to-the-jungle movement; in other words, the blackest form of reaction. 'I make this point because there are some who still entertain the illusion that communism is somehow 'progressive' or 'liberal.'"

Congressman Joe R. Pool, Texas, in his summation at the conclusion of the Buffalo hearings.

signment in the service of our nation which was to last for 20 years.

A Story of Treachery

During this time Mr. Berez observed, and reported to the FBI, communist efforts toward manipulation and control of youth; the infiltration of communists into the Women's Strike For Peace and The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; communist participation in the "Ban The Bomb" demonstrations; and finally, toward the end, the appearance of fractionalism in communist ranks and the division of party members into those who continue to follow the Moscow party line and the communists who follow the more militant and aggressive Chinese Communist line, represented by the Workers World Party, the Progressive Labor Movement, Hammer and Steel, and other such splinter groups.

But, the most important phase of the hearings, insofar as the lives and safety of the American people are concerned, with that part of the testimony which made it plain that the subversive and treasonable activities of the communist conspiracy are such which places it far outside the bounds of any legitimate political movement.

Committee Counsel William Hitz asked:

"During your membership in the Communist Party, were you

A COUNTERSPY'S DISCOVERY

"Otis Hood, District Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, took the platform next. He used a new term, one I had never before heard in all of my party activities, 'colonizers.' A party colonizer, he declared, was a devoted member who could be assigned party tasks in an important plant; or, if not already strategically placed, he would willingly give up his job in a nonessential industry or profession and move into one of the decisive industries. 'The colonizer', I recall Hood saying, 'will be elevated to a position of highest honor in the ranks of the Communist Party.'"

From "I Led 3 Lives"; a report of a secret communist meeting held on February 2, 1947 in Boston, Massachusetts.

aware of the movements of people from New York City and thereabouts, into the Buffalo area, who were members of the Communist Party?"

Mr. Berez replied, "Yes, sir."

Mr. Hitz: Did you have any name or expression for them who did that?

Mr. Berez: Well, they were called the colonizers.

Mr. Hitz: Colonizers?

Mr. Berez: Yes, sir.

Mr. Hitz: What is a colonizer?

Mr. Berez: Well... they are well-educated people and they went into different industries to work and they wouldn't reveal their identity (as communists). They would go in steel mills and every kind of a shop to work, instead of going to the profession that they actually belong to.

Mr. Hitz: They were suited for better jobs than they took?

Mr. Berez: That is right... they were trained for better jobs, and they took jobs that did not belong to them. They took hard labor jobs instead of taking the jobs that they were actually trained for.

The Unfriendly Witnesses

Following the testimony of Mr. Berez, the House Committee subpoenaed and questioned 14 unfriendly witnesses, who had been identified as communists. Even though they employed the privilege of the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer almost every question, directly or indirectly each and every one confirmed the previous testimony by Mr. Berez.

His testimony was further confirmed by information previously provided to the House Committee by another former counterspy for the FBI, Mr. Charles Regan, who had also personally witnessed — and reported — the infiltration of communist colonizers in Buffalo industries.

The pattern in each case was the same; a secret, underground member of the Communist apparatus, who, by training, education and experience would be qualified to apply for a "white collar" job, would move into the Buffalo area from some other city; most of them from New York. However, as pointed out by Mr. Berez, rather than apply for a job for which they had been educated in college, they would apply for a position far below their capabilities. In so doing, they would also conceal from their employers not only their membership in the Communist Party — even when such information was specifically solicited in the application forms; they would also conceal the full extent of educational training.

For example, one of the communists identified by Mr. Berez was a Paul Sporn. He was named as having been a communist party colonizer and, more recently, the education and literature director of the Erie County branch of the party — which meant that he was part of the highly important "Agit-Prop" section of the Communist Party.

When called and questioned by the House Committee, Mr. Sporn very reluctantly admitted that he had graduated cum laude from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The witness was confronted with copies of applications for employment submitted by him to four Buffalo industries, dating from 1953 through 1955. In each instance, Mr. Sporn had sought positions in a laboring capacity. And in each instance,

in the job application forms, Mr. Sporn had admitted to only a high school education, concealing the fact that he was a college graduate, or that he held a college degree. When questioned about these matters by the House Committee, Mr. Sporn, over and again, pleaded the Fifth Amendment.

In addition to Mr. Sporn, the government witness Berez identified eight other communist colonizers in the highly important industrial area of Buffalo: Sy Rudner, Alexander Salmin, Sid Ingerman, Edward Wolkenstein, Marty Zelman, Milton Rosen, Walter Zvaleko and Mortimer Scheer.

... And the Taxpayer Pays

To top it off, one of the red colonizers, Sy Rudner, together with another of the unfriendly witnesses, Tobias Schwartz, were found by the Congressional Committee to be both employed by the Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, which is engaged in research under contract with the National Institutes of Health of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In short, the U.S. taxpayer is supporting identified communists, Sy Rudner and Tobias Schwartz, in Buffalo, New York. One can but wonder how many other enemies of the United States are similarly directly or indirectly on the government payrolls today.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities transcript of the Buffalo hearings was particularly interesting to me, not only because I served in a similar capacity as an undercover informant for the FBI (but not nearly as long!) as did Mr. Berez, but also because as far back as 1947 I attended a top priority communist meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, where the communist bosses spelled out the importance of "colonization" of "key" industries as a vital part of the communist attack against the United States.

Then, in 1957, another FBI undercover informant, Charles Regan, also produced information about the communist colonization of basic industry.

Now, last month, still more evidence of the serious and methodical Soviet plans to subvert and destroy the American economic and defense system through "colonization" was exposed to public view.

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well-rehearsed double-talk routine which winds up something like this, to quote Judge Parsons: "... Americans have not kept pace with the development of the democratic concept."

It is occasionally possible to pin these fast-talkers down and extract an admission that in their opinion the Communists have been setting the pace in the "development of the democratic concept." This gives us some insight into the socialist's obsession with the word "democracy." He is not referring to our form of government which is a constitutional republic under God, based on checks and balances, but is thinking of a "Peoples' Democracy," which is a euphemism for the totalitarianism behind the Iron Curtain.

Were he striving for a pure theoretical democracy he would be just as dangerous. The changing whims of a gullible and emotional majority become the supreme law of the land. There is no stability such as can be enjoyed when the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of a government each properly performs its own, and only its own, function. The utter chaos of a pure democracy renders it helpless against its organized enemy who has vowed to conquer it and institute "social order."

SENSE OF PROPORTION

The lot of the American Negro is an unenviable one, but the frustration, bitterness, and privations endured as the result of either blind hate or "ethnic idiosyncracies" are insignificant in comparison with the actual slavery and perpetual tyranny in a "Peoples' Democracy." Even the senseless murder of civil rights agitators in Mississippi pales in comparison with the martyrdom of the millions of Christians who have so far been liquidated in the "peaceful democratic liberations" of Red Fascism.

Those who knowingly work to bring about this enslavement have sold their souls to the Devil for a promise of full acceptance into the elite society of slave-masters. They will be the state; the state will be god; hence they will be god. Notice how closely this parallels the line handed Eve by the Tempter. **RECKLESSNESS.**

We pray that our Christian leaders in their zeal to rectify the shortcomings of our society will proceed cautiously with eyes wide open. Only an extreme masochistic sense of justice could motivate them to deliberately destroy the nation which has been history's outstanding dispenser of justice.

Sincere Christians who see only local problems should of course devote their efforts to the solution of those problems. In helping the Negro to overcome his shortcomings they should first familiarize themselves with the facts. Observation of a few Negro students on their best behavior is not in itself an adequate study of Negroes in general — nor is the reading of Communist-authored books or exposure to Communist propaganda by identified Communist folk-singers. After learning the facts of the problem the logical steps by which the deficiencies can be overcome will be self-evident to thinking Christians.

Care must be exercised to avoid creating hysteria through unfactual statements and emotional outbursts to the effect that "the Negro is the only friend of Christianity." Above all they must not integrate with the ungodly Communists who exploit our racial problems to create disorders which are used as justification for the introduction of radical socialistic measures. —P.C.N.

OUR READERS SAY

I thank God that we still have Lutheran ministers such as you, who have the courage to speak out against the diabolical Communist conspiracy which is closing in on our lives more and more day by day.

It appears that many Christians — and this includes many Lutherans — who should be supporting your great work are satisfied to sit on their hands and do nothing or are belittling and criticizing the people who are attempting to alert our people and show up this danger.

I pray God that our ministers will "stand up straight" in their pulpits and in a loud, clear voice cry out against this godless Communist conspiracy and its many manifestations appearing in our daily national lives; such as the "watering down" and distortion of God's word, denial of our God-given religious heritage, elimination of prayers in school, moral decadence in business and government, the give-away of our wealth to enhance the world-wide Communist conspiracy, the curtailment and gradual elimination of our God-given freedoms, disarmament and worthless test-ban treaties, curtailment of our military force, etc., all in order to peacefully co-exist in "harmony and understanding" with the Devil and his bloody-handed henchmen and cohorts.

How long, Oh Lord, how long, will it be before our people are awakened from this stupid slumber. Must we, too, be "sold" into Socialistic - Communist slavery, as has half the world, before we really get down fervently praying to God, for forgiveness, humility, and guidance (II Chron. 7:14) and stir ourselves and take militant Christian action against this awful danger.

Please accept the enclosed modest contribution for your very worthy "Win Now Project." May God continue to bless you in this great work; this, in Jesus' name I ask.

Name Withheld

Enclosed is a check in payment for a year's subscription to "Through To Victory." It is a wonderfully informative little paper. Do keep up the good work. God bless you.

Harry Conrad
Mt. Morris, Illinois

Let me thank you for the fine coverage in your February edition. Your paper is such a joy and I always look forward to receiving it.

Keep up the good work and may God bless you.

Hurst B. Amyx
Tucson, Arizona

I have been reading TTV off and on for sometime. It is a wonderful paper. I admire your conviction and courage. May the Lord bless your endeavors.

All we can do is hope and pray and work that the Lord will perform a miracle in Detroit and reverse the trend in our Synod. I might possibly go there as a visitor.

Name Withheld

I ask you to renew my subscription to "Through To Victory." I have a new address; please change it.

It makes me deeply grateful to know that there are Christian leaders who have not lost their conscience and courage. I have a deep admiration for your work and courage.

May God bless you in your work.

Prof. Dr. A. Voobus
Maywood, Illinois

(Editor's Note: Dr. A. Voobus is an outstanding authority on Communism having lived through the Communist takeover in Estonia. He is the author of *The Communist Menace, The Present Chaos, and Our Christian Responsibility*; \$1.25, ETSE, 243 East Thirty-Fourth Street, New York, N.Y.)

Our daughter sent us some samples of your paper. It is a splendid paper, so fitting for these times.

I will do the best I can working against Communism but I am 82 years old and cannot do what I would like to do. My husband Rev. Walter Cook is retired and 92 and sick and blind and is not able to do any more work. He sure would if he were able to work.

I sure can see that we are living in the end time. Hope the Good Lord will come before it gets too awful bad.

Mrs. Walter Cook

Salem, Missouri

We would like again to tell you how happy we are to know about your

paper. We appreciate having it to read, refer to, and learn about new things.

We like it so much we would like to have some more of our friends introduced to it. The names and addresses are on the attached paper.

May God bless you; protect you, and increase your wisdom and faith. We pray constantly for the Lord's guidance and protection.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shugart
Blandinsville, Illinois

We like your magazine and thank God for sending us a man who is working for what is right. Our people need to go to God more sincerely.

Mrs. M. Pohlmann
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Please renew my subscription to "Through To Victory." It's a wonderful little paper full of the truths we need to know. Also send me 4 copies of your book *Win Now or Lose All*.

Mrs. J. Reeves

Sacramento, California

Thanks to the generosity of a good friend in San Antonio, Texas, I have received a gift subscription to your fine publication. I have with great interest just finished reading through the December and January issues. I am more than proud to have this publication come into my home. I feel that it belongs in every home in the nation.

I am an old-fashioned Christian, and a so-called "hill-billy" Baptist preacher who loves the Lord Jesus Christ. I am a disabled World War 2 veteran who has had many sore trials and troubles and much sickness in this present life. But I go on from day to day by the wonderful grace of God. My simple faith in the Christ of God and of Calvary is my assurance of a glorious victory. Romans 8:28-39, I Corinthians 15:57-58.

I have been in the battle for God and the Republic since the late 50's against Atheism, Modernism, Communism, and the other enemies of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would to God that the American public would wake up to what's going on on the national and international scenes. We have become the laughing stock of the whole world. Through our foreign aid program we actually subsidize the Communist conspiracy against us. American fighting men from the Korean War and Vietnam are in Communist concentration camps. Our government and the UN organization of aggression, hypocrisy and confusion does nothing about their sad and shameful plight. Is the good old USA on the verge of becoming a USSA within the framework of a One World Government.

Evangelist Fred Peters
Kingsport, Tennessee

I am enclosing a check for \$5.00 and would like to order your materials.

I am hopeful that these materials will help friends and me get started with a study group in our congregation of Loving Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gardena, California. We are now discussing the use of films, tapes, etc. of Dr. Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communism Crusade and from Coast Federal Savings.

God bless you in all your wonderful work, Rev. Neipp, which both alerts and informs people and draws people to our Lord and Savior through His Holy Word. Please pray for us that God will direct us in this study and open ears and hearts and that much good fruit will come from it.

Mrs. James Duffy
Gardena, California

I wish to express my sincere thanks for your dedicated efforts in informing and inspiring us with "Through To Victory."

As I stated in a letter to you, I was introduced to your fine publication by a brother, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, and which you made mention of in the October issue. It was most gratifying.

There's so much to do, against seemingly great odds, that at times it seems most difficult to continue. And I hasten to add that I am most fortunate in being ever aware that God is on our side. This fact keeps bounding up, and gives me the inspiration and motivation needed to continue informing myself, so that I may in turn inform and alert my fellow Americans, who have been lulled to sleep by the clever tunes of the Communist symphony. Rest assured, however, that no matter how beautiful the tune, how strong the harmonic structure, how fitting the time signature may be, it shall fill me with more intense determination to do my part to defeat Communism, and its more "polite" forerunner erroneously and cleverly referred to as Socialism. It shall not lull me or my family to sleep! That is, with God's help.

Michael F. Sherman
Park Ridge, Illinois

I receive *Through to Victory*, and I use your tracts in the unending war against Communism and spiritual un-

However, I had not seen "Pacifism or Preparedness?" and "Why Ministers Should Fight Communism." As a starter, please send me a small quantity of both of these for the money enclosed.

Perhaps I can work out a program to send these to pastors in a certain area.

I want to make a renewed effort to enlist more subscribers to *Through to Victory*. I have been giving sample copies and recommending it.

Oscar T. Gillan
Los Angeles, California

I have been receiving about 30-40 copies of TTV each month for free distribution to college students here at E. Texas Baptist College. These have been very favorably received; many have expressed their appreciation of receiving a copy each month. Many value the articles very highly, and, like myself, find TTV a valuable source of information. So, speaking for each one who receives a copy of TTV, let me say a sincere "thank you" for making this possible.

James B. DeYoung
West Covina, Calif.

I received the box of TTV's today and thanks so very much. I was so happy to get them. I gave out 15 today; one lady asked me for an extra to give to her Pastor as he has not taken a stand against Communism. I have been asked to see some of the Ministers that have not made a stand against Communism, and their members want their Minister to make himself clear on this subject. So I will give them one of your papers as well as one of Dr. McBirnie's radio schedules and literature and discuss the menace of Communism, for this is the great battle we free people must win or fall into the dark ages.

God bless you, Rev. Neipp, for your wonderful work. I will certainly do all in my power to help preserve our Freedom, not for myself alone but for my grandchildren as well as the grandchildren of other people. I hope and pray all the people of my age with no young children to care for and have free time will get into this fight against Communism.

God bless you.
Mrs. B. Hearon
Victorville, Calif.

Project Win Now

To date \$1,278.32 has been received for "Project Win Now" for sending the book *Win Now or Lose All* and a copy of *Through to Victory* to some 9,000 Lutheran ministers in the U.S.A. Cost of this project will be \$1,560, so we still have \$281.68 to go.

We wish to thank the following for their generous gifts for this cause:

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I just finished reading your book *Win Now or Lose All*. I could not stop reading until I had finished it. I am sending \$4.00 to get 20 copies to pass out.

Thank you, God bless you and your wonderful work.

Mrs. John R. Young

Tacoma, Washington

Enclosed is \$1.00 for which please send some of your booklets *Win Now or Lose All*.

Your booklet has been recommended to us as being very good (splendid). We are really living in a day we want to be well informed on the deceptive issues, and we want others to get informed also.

The Lord bless you in your efforts is our prayer.

Ebenezer and Maud Myers
Lenoir, North Carolina

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Thank Pastor Neipp for his letters in the Lutheran Witness.

E. J. Brandt
Littlefield, Texas

I suppose it is only natural for us to grow tired of the never-ending task of paying bills.

However, I have found that by including one of your fine tracts with each check I mail out, the pain is eased greatly.

As a matter of fact, one of your tracts goes into each and every envelope which I send out regardless of its nature. Consequently, I almost — through force of habit — included one in a recent letter to Senator Goldwater.

I am a proud supporter of "Through to Victory," and it is a great help in my efforts to awaken my "snoozing" friends, who have been lulled to sleep by the "Communist Symphony."

My prayers are with you constantly.

Michael F. Sherman
Park Ridge, Illinois

For enclosed funds, please send 100 "While Men Slept" and a quantity of "For Women Only."

Keep up the good work. May the Lord's blessings abide with you.

R. W. Robinson
Sequim, Washington

Please send me 100 for \$1.00 the tract "While Men Slept" by Rev. Paul Neipp. This should make a splendid "waker-upper" tucked into letters and passed on to friends. Would appreciate samples of your other materials.

Mrs. W. P. Burford
Borrego Springs, California

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Am enclosing my check for \$2.00 and request you send me as many copies of the aforementioned tract as appropriate.

E. V. Chandler
Anna Maria, Florida

I have a copy of a small leaflet by you called "For Women Only," and would like to get as many copies as I can for the 20-cents enclosed.

I'm doing what I can and try to buy articles for distribution, and any I get free. I'm a leader in a small conservative club and it takes time and effort plus money to keep going.

I think this leaflet will arouse some of the less concerned better than anything else would.

Thank you and may you continue your work for the Lord and for our country.

Mrs. Nelson Black
Tustin, Michigan

I would like to order the following tracts: 500 "If Communism Takes Over" and 500 "For Women Only."

Our family doctor is now sending a tract out in each bill and he also is going to contact five other doctors that he knows, so it would seem that I will be needing quite a few tracts. I would also like one copy of "Communism and Socialism" by Walther.

Mr. James Davis
Los Angeles, California

I received some of your tracts while in Memphis at Rev. Robert Lemmon's church on Faxon Avenue on "Why Ministers Should Fight Communism."

It is such a good one for ministers and I want to mail them to as many as I can. I know there are a lot of preachers that are telling their people about what's going on, but I'm sure a lot are not doing it.

Mrs. E. F. Allsbrook
Mobile, Alabama

Please send me 50 copies of "While Men Slept" and a mixture of the other tracts.

Enclosed is \$2.00. Enjoy your tracts. Keep fighting. Millions of conservatives are fighting with you.

Mrs. M. Kressin
Bloomer, Wisconsin

GIFTS FOR THE CAUSE

Our "Gifts for the Cause" list is very short this time since most of the contributions were directed into the "Project Win Now" fund.

May we thank the following for their gifts:

\$1 W. T. MaWhinney, Flint, Mich.; \$1 Miss Dorothy Plack, Los Angeles, Calif.; \$1 H. Myers, Alhambra, Calif.; \$3 Mrs. Alice Ulrich, Twin Falls, Ida.; \$3 Hartwick Barnes, El Cajon, Calif.

For 1965 send 70000414

Pointed Paragraphs

By REV. MARTIN LANKOW

"FOR 40 YEARS refugees have fled in terror before the red hammer and sickle and have poured out their woeful tales of horror in countless books." Paul Neipp in "Why Ministers Should Fight Communism." This atheistic philosophy is a moral cancer and "bent on wiping Christianity and all that is good and noble and virtuous of the face of the earth." An alerted and awakened clergy can do much to keep what freedom we have left.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR CHURCH? Atheist Madalyn Murray, who has said that "Churches are leeches on society," heads an atheistic society whose 5000 members, we are told, send in \$1 or more per month to support her godless cause. How many Christians will anxiously mail in their regular offerings?

SHOULD ATHEISTS SHAPE OUR LIVES? Should they be permitted to shape all Americans to their image, refuse to salute the flag, refuse to believe that all are "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights"? Didn't they know that "the cornerstone of our republic is belief and faith in God?"

THE COMMUNIST TEACHER: "He is expected to take a leading part in the battle against religion. Not only is it his duty to inculcate in his pupils the militant atheism expected from the Soviet citizen, he must also go into the homes of the 'unconverted' and try to persuade the parents to give up the religious education of their children." And sometimes "give public lectures on the evil of religion." Oct. 1964, *Phi Delta Kappan*.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE: How to recognize and how to counteract one of the communists' most deadly cold-war weapons — the vicious "manipulated" demonstration is told by Eugene H. Methvin in the January *Reader's Digest*. For many this will be a real eye-opener.

IF you wish to keep your church, your Bible, your Sunday School, your family prayers, Church weddings, funerals, baptisms, Confirmations, and missionaries abroad and spiritual counselors at home, then Fight Communism! Why not face the facts. The Communists tell us this is a fight to the finish. We cannot kill termites by painting the house! We cannot defeat Communism by ignoring it!

SWEDISH SOCIALISM: Has a paternalistic government provided a housing paradise in Sweden without slums? As of Sept. 20, 1964, Stockholmers must wait in line for 10 years for an apartment, the *New York Times* says. Socialism, wherever it rears its head, is destructive of individual freedom and personal responsibility. This is culled from "No Place To Live" by Dean Russell in December, 1964 *The Freeman*.

"Give me security or give me death!"
Is not what Patrick Henry saith!"

What the country really needs is a good five-cent nickel.

"BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS" — "Something of the ultimate in nonsense was spoken at the pastoral conference of the American Lutheran Church in session at the church seminary at St. Paul. According to the Minneapolis Star of Jan. 6, 1964, Lutheran pastors were told to be more interested in reading everything by Martin Luther King, Jr., than by Martin Luther. This advice to be sure to read what Dr. Martin Luther King has written is not only nonsense. It is the sheerest blasphemy. For King, by his own documented statement, finds, like other so-called preachers of our day, no use in his work for the blood atonement, the substitutionary atonement of Jesus . . . If this blasphemy is not decisively challenged, then indeed the sun has set for that church." Paul Ylvisaker, Jan. 28, 1965, *Lutheran Sentinel*.

A DIME IS A DOLLAR with all the taxes taken out!

DISARM? "Let no one think that in negotiating with the Communists we should reject the threat of force. On the contrary, it is only through the imminent threat of application of our military power that the Communists can be compelled to negotiate seriously for the alleviation of the basic issues between their world and ours. We must be prepared to accept the risk of war if we hope to avoid war." Admiral C. Turner Joy.

"THE COMMUNISTS, THE SAME BREED OF BANDITS," they are ruthless in their exploitation of weakness; they stop, look and listen only when confronted with force!" Gen. Mark Clark.

APPEASEMENT! "Above all, we must abandon the hopes that go with the weakness of appeasement. We are dealing with people who respond only to strength!" Gen. John R. Deane.

COMPROMISE? "There can be no compromise with atheistic Communism — no half-way in the preservation of freedom and religion. It must be all or nothing!" Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

NOTHING NEW: The first "communist" settlement in the U.S. was Jamestown, Va., which disappeared. The second in 1620 was Plymouth Rock. After starving several years they discovered "capitalism." This system brought blessings and also the first Thanksgiving Day! What causes the continual rise of communism? It is a beautiful dream. From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs. To the ignorant who can dream, this means that each person will only have to do what he is able to do, but he will receive all that he needs. Each dreamer believes he will produce little, but receive much, because he is able to produce little, but needs much.

5TH COLUMN: "Here in New York City, you Americans have the biggest fifth column in the world. — The United Nations." — Lord Beaverbrook.

TAKEN FOR A RIDE? "Supposing a group of citizens in your community would attempt a house-to-house collection for Castro's Cuba, how much money do you think they'd raise? . . . Yet when millions (1963-1964, \$2,336,680) of our tax dollars are used to promote Communism through the United Nations and its Agencies, scarcely anyone bats an eye." *Hope Magazine*, Oct. 1964.

An Analysis of the Rebellion at the University of California As Applied Marxism-Leninism

BY DR. FRED SCHWARZ

Rumblings of revolution coming from the campus of the University of California at Berkeley should shatter the illusions of those who contend that communism in America is a spent force and represents no significant national danger. The well-organized and sustained campaign of mass demonstrations and civil disobedience of the so-called FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT is a new phenomenon in American University life. Communists have been active as participants and leaders.

It is imperative that the remarkable events at Berkeley be studied as an application of the science of Marxism-Leninism so that the Communist strategy may be recognized, its dangers evaluated, and intelligent programs undertaken to prevent escalation of such riotous behavior throughout the campuses of the nation.

Communists claim to be practitioners of a science which they call "Marxism-Leninism." This science involves the harnessing of existing social forces in the service of world revolution. A scientist does not create a force, he uses it. Nautical scientists take the wind and make it drive a boat against itself. Marxist-Leninist scientists take the winds of freedom and make them drive society on the reefs of totalitarian slavery.

Communism advances by a series of steps. The first three are: 1) The recruitment of Communist members, 2) The forging of Communist leaders, 3) The utilization of social forces by Communist leaders to advance the Communist objectives.

The rebellion at U.C. advanced the Communist cause in all these departments.

The university campus has always served as the best Communist recruiting ground. The idea that communism appeals to the poor, the illiterate, and the oppressed is a delusion. The poor, the illiterate, and the oppressed form social groups which are subject to the exploitation of scientific Communists. Before these forces can be exploited, it is necessary to recruit and train the Communists to exploit them. It is important to differentiate between the exploiter and the exploited. This is not always easy, particularly when it concerns members of Communist fronts. To classify the exploited as Communists is a grave error. To ignore the possibility that an individual who consistently serves the Communist cause is a secret Communist, even though he denies he is a Communist, is stupid. Communist morality teaches the legitimacy of the denial of Communist membership in many circumstances. Nevertheless, communism demands leadership and these leaders must first be recruited and trained.

During such demonstrations, many students become emotionally involved. They suddenly discover a cause which adds luster to their lives. They observe and admire the skill, courage, and devotion certain individual leaders are showing in their cause. When they learn that these leaders are Communists or Communist sympathizers, their admiration tends to embrace not only the individual but communism also. Their interest in communism is stimulated and it becomes easy to enroll them in a Communist front such as a DuBois Club as a step towards the final objective of

Communist Party membership. If they do not travel the full journey to Communist membership, they are of great value as activists in various Communist causes.

The transformation of the Communist member into a Communist cadre or leader remains a constant Communist objective. The members are required to study Communist theory and participate in Communist activity. Those who tire of the discipline involved are simply cast off or retained for routine activities. Those who submit to discipline, absorb theory, and show practical skill in agitation, rise in the ranks of leadership. They become, in Communist terms, "cadres."

A number of student personalities have emerged as leaders of the "Free Speech Movement." One of these is Bettina Aptheker, daughter of the leading American Communist theoretician, Herbert Aptheker. She has been catapulted into national prominence as a speaker on university campuses with a message which may be summed up as, "go thou and do likewise." Others involved include Margaret Lima, daughter of Northern California Communist Party Chairman, Albert J. Lima; and Lee Goldblatt, daughter of identified Communist, Louis Goldblatt, Secretary-Treasurer of Harry Bridges International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

The primary social force utilized was the student desire for free speech. Free speech tends to be uncritically worshipped by university students so that they respond emotionally to any alleged attack upon it. While freedom of speech is most important, it must be exercised under law in a society of free men. We live under the rule of law not under unlimited personal freedom. The former system creates constitutional democracy, the latter anarchy.

The dilemma confronting society is that the exercise of freedom by one individual may deny freedom to another individual. If a man is free to say anything he wishes under all circumstances, he is free to state that he has placed a bomb in the luggage loaded on a given airplane. If no bomb is present, all he has done is to speak freely. The consequences are that the airplane is grounded, the luggage unloaded and searched, and the passengers are denied their "Freedom of Movement." In individual cases, the consequences of this delay may be grave. Thus, the exercise of unlimited freedom of speech by one individual denies freedom to many others.

This dilemma is resolved by the institution of law. Every law written limits a freedom. Laws are necessary and good when this limitation enlarges the total area of freedom for all concerned.

The important thing is that laws should be instituted by duly constituted authority derived from the unfettered, expressed will of the people and not by the whim of some faceless bureaucrat or illegitimate authority imposed by force.

Since the laws imposing certain restraints on the students were formulated by duly constituted authority, and legal constitutional channels were available to amend these laws, civil disobedience was unnecessary. It was an exercise of mob power skillfully organized and exploited.

The objectives of the Communists were many and achieved in considerable measure. These objectives include:

- 1) The intimidation of university authorities throughout the entire country.
- 2) The exploitation of faculty resentment of authority.
- 3) The creation of an emotional climate favorable to future demonstrations.
- 4) The projection of Communists as leaders.
- 5) The restoration of Communists to respectability on university campuses.
- 6) The removal of all restrictions against Communist speakers on college campuses.
- 7) The creation of a psychology favorable to the hiring of Communist professors.
- 8) An image of police brutality.
- 9) The prevention through intimidation of future investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.
- 10) The involvement of outside agitators in university affairs.
- 11) Student control over all the activities of the university.

Space does not permit an analysis of the degree of success achieved towards the realization of each of these objectives. It is obvious that every university administration across the country will be alarmed at the possibility of similar events on their campuses, and they will be prone to make concessions designed to avoid such occurrences. The power of blackmail by student agitators is immeasurably increased. Should hearings be scheduled in any city by the House Committee on Un-American Activities or the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee involving Communist infiltration in education, the authorities in that city will be afraid of student demonstrations and riots, and pressures will be brought to bear on the Committee not to hold the hearings.

In summation we may say the Communists have won a major victory.

A thorough understanding of the entire Communist strategy is a major contribution to its defeat. Ignorance is essential to the achievement of the Communist objective. We should constantly remind ourselves that during the entire period of the Communist conquest of Cuba, the term "Communism" was rarely mentioned. The many patriots supporting Fidel Castro learned tragically, when it was too late, the real forces that were motivating and directing their leader.

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BY PAUL C. NEIPP

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No man is spared when freedom fails,
The best men rot in filthy jails;
And those who cried "Appease!
Appease!"
Are hanged by those they tried to please.

COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM

By C. F. W. WALTHER

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De-Christianization of Education. BERKELEY — ONE OF MANY

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public mockery.

Contrast also the recognized present-day educational policy of Columbia University — founded, 1754 — with its original educational policy as this was set forth in an advertisement that appeared in the New York Gazette over two hundred years ago. The advertisement stated:

"The chief things that are aimed at in this college are to teach and engage the children to know God and Jesus Christ and to love and serve Him in all sobriety, Godliness, righteousness, in life with a perfect heart and a willing mind."

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What is true of Harvard and Columbia is true of all eleven universities in the East, every one of which started as a Christian institution.

Let me make one more comparison of what once was and now is.

\$300,000 for Bibles

In 1777 our Continental Congress voted an expenditure of \$300,000 to buy, mind you, copies of the Bible for purposes of distributing them throughout the country. Contrast this with the recent Supreme Court decision which in effect forbade the Gideons to give away New Testaments to pupils on public school property.

Note, once our government bought Bibles for its citizenry. Now it may not be given to children on Government property!

In its effect, if not in its purpose, present day secular instruction is by its neglect robbing our nation of its religious character. What loss could be greater!

"Endowed By Their Creator"

Although by no means all the people went to church in the early days, the official leadership of that day was committed to a Christian view of life; for example, the Declaration of Independence contains these striking words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights." This is not the type of diplomatic language which we have become accustomed to in our day.

There are many today who

look upon the erstwhile American school with its Biblical influence as something which we have outgrown — something which has been outmoded by the advance in statism. We do not agree with those who hold this view. To believe the Bible is to believe that its teaching is as new as it is old. The Word of God is eternal, unchanging truth. This Word places the responsibility of educating children primarily upon the shoulders of their parents. See Deut. 6, 4 & 8 and Eph. 6.4. Since education is a parental responsibility we must look upon the public school — especially in a Christian community — as evidence of parental neglect.

It was not the State but the Reformation that gave birth to popular education. And we do not need the State to keep it alive. What we need is another Reformation that will lead us back to God's Word and its parental mandate to teach children in the fear of the Lord for a state school divorced from religion is not a boon but a threat to human society.

A man by the name of W. Brown has well said, "Without religious motive any education is adding power to irresponsibility."

"Mere education," said Theodore Roosevelt, "without divine guidance is like handing a gun to an irresponsible man."

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Plug the Pill

A 72-year-old Episcopal priest in Phoenix has criticized Bishop Pike for changing slogans from "Ban the Bomb" to "Plug the Pill." Pike is one of the world's leading exponents of birth control. The Chronicle of Feb. 3, 1965: "The Rev. Brunton uses poetry as his form of criticism, his latest effort ending this way: 'O Bishop Pike, we'd be relieved, And give our thanks with heart and soul, If on the night you were conceived, Your folks had known of birth control.'"

—Blu-Print, Feb. 16, 1965

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1964 was the year of the students' revolt at University of California, Berkeley, but it was also the year of revolts, sit-ins, demonstrations throughout the campuses of the United States. TRINITY COLLEGE, Hartford, Conn. Student protest new regulations governing liquor consumption.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Several hundred students demonstrated against a new fine arts building being placed in a tree-shaded area.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, picketed against the use of blackface in a campus minstrel.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, About 300 students were told, "The way to support the Berkeley students is not to send telegrams but go down to the administration buildings and UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, a take over."

student political party staged a demonstration demanding campus democracy, more money for teaching, increased student wages, and a lower cost of living on the campus.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, Students staged a two month campaign favoring free tuition and worked to defeat candidates for the state legislature.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 500 students rallied for support of Berkeley students.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, 500 students met in support of Berkeley students.

QUEENS COLLEGE, New York, 500 or 600 jammed into the auditorium to hear Mario Savio (as a former student there) and to support Berkeley students.

What People Are Saying About Berkeley

DR. ROBERT M. HUTCHINS (Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions) "... A university where no debate is going on is as good as dead."

ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM F. STANTON (D-San Jose) "I am here supporting you."

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS called for the dismissal of Edward W. Strong, University Chancellor, who has restricted the campus activities of the FSM (Free Speech Movement).

STEVE WEISSMAN, (a graduate student and FSM organizer) "Immediate removal of all police from this campus, now and forever ... that the univer-

sity refuse to press charges against the students arrested."

ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIE BROWN (D-San Francisco) and JOHN BURTON (D-San Francisco) declared, "the refusal of the University to recognize a fundamental constitutional question is at the core of the dispute."

BAYARD RUSTIN, "use of the Oakland police, highway patrol, and strong-arm methods is deplorable."

JOHN LEWIS, (Student Non-Violent Comm.) said, "We support our brothers and sisters at the University of California."

STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, asking for protests to be sent to Kerr and Gov. Brown and also money to aid the students."

JAMES FARMER (CORE) pledged "what support we can to Univ. of Calif. students in their political freedom efforts."

MARIO SAVIO, (leader in FSM) "We insist on using other means than talk to get our rights; we will break the regulations again and again and again."

FRONTIER MAGAZINE (Jan. 1965) "The University Administration dedicated to politics, money and power refused even the appearance of a crack in its stony adamance."

W. E. B. DUBOIS CLUBS, "urge all to write, work, support the student's position in this fight."

THEN THERE ARE OTHERS WHO SAY

—VALLEY TIMES "The fuzzy-brained intellectuals of the University of California, the State Board of Education and the Regents are reaping the crop they have sowed. Rioters, insurrectionists, undisciplined and uncontrolled, set loose by the same breed of Communist agitators who have been invited to speak on campus, have defied all rules, regulations and authority of the administration of the Univ. of California, Berkeley."

LOS ANGELES TIMES "The immediate expulsion of those who by their actions have forfeited the privilege of attending the Univ. of Calif. is the obvious and necessary first step."

SENATOR JACK SCHRADER (R-Del-Mar) has introduced legislation regarding the Univ. of Calif. controversy.

PEGGY YOUNG (UC Senior and San Gabriel resident) "the movement has become a catch-all for any one with a grievance."

against the administration."

ASSEMBLYMAN HOWARD J. THELIN (R-Glendale), demanded expulsion of students who participated in riotous demonstrations at Berkeley.

GOV. EDMUND BROWN, "This is pure and simple, an attempt on the part of the students to use the campus unlawfully by soliciting funds and recruiting students for off-campus activities."

DON MULFORD (R-Berkeley) State Assemblyman, charged the student riots were "Communist inspired" and said he would ask for legislative investigation.

DR. CLARK KERR (UC President) "Left-wing students stimulated by non-student professionals were held to blame for the rioting on the Berkeley campus."

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER, Students who flout the discipline of the University should be thrown out. Retain those who want to go to college to learn, not to stir up subversion and revolt.

WHY WORK?

In Alameda County, California, a man with four children can draw \$232.50 per month welfare without doing a stroke of work. That amounts to \$1.52 per hour for a normal work week. When a recent spot check was made 613 families were found to be drawing such benefits. Nevertheless when the strawberry growers of the region needed 300 workers and offered good wages and free transportation to and from work only one person accepted. Under urging from the Welfare Department 6 showed up on the third day and a few more later. Nine workers was the maximum recruited for work because it was easier to remain retired on relief than to accept the available jobs. — Christian Economics.

Wisdom ala Pike

Before Stanford law students forum the San Jose News Mercury, Jan. 19, 1965: "It's time for California to adopt humane laws governing abortion and homosexuality, the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, Episcopal Bishop of California, said Friday. ... Homosexual acts between adults in private should not constitute a criminal offense, he said. The branch of my church in England has endorsed such a change in the law, he noted." — Blu-Print, Feb. 2, 1965.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/12/65

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-14777) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETE SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 5/8/62.

The 2/8/65 issue of the "Post-Gazette," a daily Pittsburgh, Pa., newspaper in an article captioned "SEEGER to SING HERE NEXT WEEK" set out that PETE SEEGER would give a performance on 2/20/65 at the Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was being sponsored by an organization at Carnegie Institute of Technology called "Ceildih" and the Committee for the Promotion of the Arts at Duquesne University.

The 2/5/65 issue of "The Pitt News," a student publication at the University of Pittsburgh, carried an advertisement for the 2/20/65 performance stating that all tickets were \$1.50 each.

On 2/24/65, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who should be concealed at her request, advised that all of the 2,000 tickets printed for the performance were sold. She made available a one page, student-prepared throw-away attacking the subject and said that this had been given wide distribution at Duquesne University and Carnegie Institute of Technology. She said that she was not at liberty to divulge the names of those responsible for the throw-away. The original has been returned to [redacted] at her request and two copies of same are enclosed for the Bureau and New York.

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No publicity was given to the performance in Pittsburgh newspapers other than as described above.

Informants who have some knowledge of CP and related activities in Western Pennsylvania, when contacted in February, 1965, could furnish no information regarding subject.

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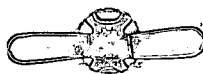
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PETE SEEGER
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Student prepared publication on PETE SEEGER.

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ENCLOSURE

SING TO "THERE'S A PANNISHOP ON THE CORNER"

I'm a COLLEGE, at Carnegie, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylv
And I'm sponsored by two campus groups!
Do they KNOW that I'll be singing
Red Communist propaganda---
Or are they just simply my dupes???



At Duquesne, The new student paper raises creampuff issues concerning some old newspapers burned, the banning of sick, sick Feiffer skirts, etc. At Tech, there is always, controversy about "academic freedom," etc., among the students. But on both campuses, the shocking issue, which if widely known would rock both institutions to their very foundations, goes begging for attention! It is the joint sponsoring, by certain "folk singing" groups at these two campuses, at Carnegie Music Hall on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1965, of an IDENTIFIED COMMUNIST "folk singer" PETE SEEGER! Further, the book stores on these two campuses are selling the tickets!

Who is PETE SEEGER? Just about the top Communist entertainer in the United States today. He appears regularly before known Communist front groups in N.Y. and elsewhere. His virtues are extolled to the high heavens weekly in THE WORKER. He recently returned from the Soviet Union, where his songs of "social protest" were widely acclaimed. He goes about this country singing "folk music" of his own composition, whose lyrics demean our American way of life while promoting socialistic concepts and sorrowing for the exploited "masses". Folk music? Ask him to render "WE SHALL NOT BE LOVED," set to the tune of a song right out of The People's Song Book, an old Communist publication. Or ask him to bleat out his own parody on "Billy Boy," which lyrics lampoon the treasonous, Communist-led student riots against the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities at San Francisco in 1960. But above all, patriotic students on both campuses, ask him if he is indeed, AN IDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, which as you may or may not know, advocates the VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT! And then ask yourself if this is the kind of "entertainer" you think a campus group ought to be renting a hall and selling tickets for. Did you buy one? DEMAND YOUR MONEY BACK AT THE BOOK STORE, And DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION.

Ref: -House Report #2559, 87th Cong., 2nd Sess. pp 38, 39, 43, 44, 114
-Hearings HCUA "Communist Youth Activities" Released 12/21/62
-Rpt & Testimony of R. C. ROBSTADT, HCUA, 10/10/62
-Communist Organ: The Worker 4/21/64, p5; 1/17/65, p9
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Mrs. Percy Wright
3215 Nielsen Road
Santa Rosa, California 95404

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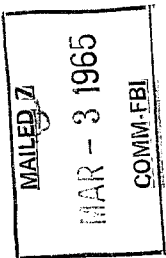
Dear Mrs. Wright:

I received your letter of February 26th and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

While I certainly would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have mentioned about the individual you named.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Communism--The Incredible Swindle
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Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
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February 26, 1965
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just been alerted that the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, of which I am a member, has engaged the services of Pete Seeger, folk singer to appear at Squaw Valley to entertain our Walther League (young people) in July.

We, the parents are aroused and find that even tho' he has a strong communist front activity record he has constantly denied he is a communist. We believe that the Director of Youth Work, Rev. Elmer N. Witt, 875 Dearborn St. Chicago, Ill., is unaware of this mans background. That the president of Synod, a busy man, should be filled in with authentic information from a source that is official, and that it would be from your office.

What is the procedure in requesting that this information be conveyed to our leaders so that they will take action. May I request that you supply this information to the Rev. Oliver R. Harms, D. D. 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.?

Please let me know what we can do to avoid this "mistake" which is facing us. Your book "Target Youth" has given me the courage to appeal to you, the stand which you have taken and the abuse too, surely, Mr. Hoover, God knows you are standing while others, even men of the cloth are falling ~~right and~~ left. God have mercy on us all. May he continue to bless you with life, we need you and God knows it.

Cordially yours,

Natalie Wright
Mrs. Percy Wright
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Santa Rosa, Calif.

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Dr. Lloyd H. Goetz
President

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
North Wisconsin District
715 South Superior Street
De Pere, Wisconsin 54115

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Dear Dr. Goetz:

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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

REV. LLOYD H. GOETZ, D. D., PRESIDENT
715 S. SUPERIOR ST. DE PERE, WIS 54115
PHONE: 336-9582

Feb. 22, 1965

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have heard conflicting reports concerning folk singer Pete Seeger, namely, that he is a card-carrying Communist, ~~that he is merely a Communist sympathizer~~, and that he has no connection with this element at all.

I am wondering if you have anything in your records which would be available to me in answer to this question. He has been engaged to sing at the national convention of my Church's youth group this summer and I should like to be in a position to advise the young people of the District over which I have responsibility.

Very sincerely yours,

Lloyd H. Goetz
Lloyd H. Goetz, President
North Wisconsin District

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United States Government
MEMORANDUM

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To: Director
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Date: October 1 1964

From: Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

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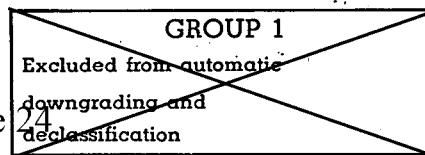
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September 30, 1964

Director, FBI (100-200845)

PETER SEEGER
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The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

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TRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE

"TEN-DAY NEWS"

No. 377

October 20, 1963

POPULAR FOLK SONGS

- Folk Singer Pete Seeger's Visit to Japan -

At the invitation of K. B. K., folk singer, baritone, and five-string Banjo and Guitar player, Pete Seeger, arrived in Japan.

Pete Seeger was born in New York in 1919. His father is an outstanding musician and his mother is a violinist. Leaving Harvard University without finishing the whole course, he started a journey to collect folk songs because he was fascinated by them. He made a team with Watday Gasley (phonetic), a poet from Oklahoma. During World War II, he served four years in the Armed Forces. Following his discharge from the military service, he concluded a contract with the Columbia Company in 1958.

Pete Seeger is respected for his warm personality. He is a pacifist. However, for some reasons, he was questioned by the Un-American Activities Investigation Committee the year before last and his activities are often hindered by right-wing organizations. In spite of these difficulties, he continues his singing. He is a man without material desires. He lives with his Japanese wife and three children in a log cabin on a hill overlooking the Hudson River. This strange folk singer/^{is} in the limelight because of the recent folk song boom in America.

TRANSLATED BY:

RYONG C HAHM:eah

September 28, 1964

At a press conference held in the Tokyo Hotel on the 11th, he made the following remarks: "Originally *well* folk singers were amateurs. In this sense, I am not a folk singer. Belafonte, Joan Baez and I are professional folk singers.

I am engaged in the selection of music notes at the Jazz Festival in Newport and can sing all kinds of folk songs originated from the church to the bar.

It is said that folk songs are sung in America today to the extent that 500,000 guitars are sold a year. In regard to the way of singing folk songs, I wrote a book, 'How to Play the Guitar,' 15 years ago, and the 'Kingston Trio' seemed to be influenced by it. I have never imposed my idea on others.

There are many folk songs some of which are old and some have been handed down verbally. In order not to forget them, we have to work on them continuously. I am going to sing those in Japan, which I have written recently."

The program consists of the following songs:

1. Lovely Small Bird (Banjo)
2. ~~Texas Blues~~ (Blues)
2. IT Means Texas (Blues)
3. What a Beautiful City! (Spiritual Song)
4. Michael Rowed the Boat Ashore (Labor Song)
5. Woodcutter's Song (Labor Song)
6. Open the Cotton Sack (Negro Song)
7. Must be Victorious (Free Song of the Complete Democratic Movement)
8. Barbara Allen (English Ballad)

9. Texas Men (Satirical Song of Exploitation)
10. Maestrom of Marriage (Satirical Song)
11. Harry Simms (Labor Ballad)
12. Atom Speaks (Modern Song)
13. Little Boxes (Modern Song of Suburban Life)
14. Norma Jean (Marilyn Monroe's Death)
15. Limony Bell (Welch Miners' Song)
16. Wimoye (phonetic) (South Africa)
17. Tsuzena (phonetic) (Israel)
18. Good Night Aileen (Negro Song)
19. Where Have All the Flowers Gone? (Written by Himself)
20. Happy Love (Written by Himself)

The Schedule is as Follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
November 6	Welfare Pension Building
November 10	Municipal Public Hall, Shibukawa
November 11	Gumma Hall, Takasaki
November 13	Municipal Public Hall, Konuma
November 14	Central Hall, Kagoshima
November 15	Cultural Hall, Kurume

November 16	Municipal Public Hall, Fukuoka
November 18	Noguchi Memorial Hall, Nobeoka
November 19	Municipal Public Hall, Tokuyama
November 20	Civic Public Hall, Iwakuni
November 22	Municipal Public Hall, Kawasaki
November 24	Kyoto Hall
November 25	Radio Building, Fukui

(The above performances start at 6:30)

Two performances are held in Kyoto in the daytime and at night.

November 12	Cultural Hall, Nagoya (two performances in the daytime and at night)
November 13	Festival Hall, Osaka (two performances in the daytime and at night)
November 14	"
November 16	"
November 18	Public Hall, Himeji
November 21	Electric Building, Sendai
November 22	Hibiya, Tokyo
November 23	"

November 24 - Citizens' Hall, Koriyama

November 25 Gumma Music Center, Takasaki

November 26 International Hall, Kobe

Photograph: Pete Seeger at the Press Conference

TRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE

" MUSIC AND DANCE NEWS "
(October 5)

GREAT FOLK SINGER PETE SEEGER ARRIVES IN JAPAN

- A Singer Who is A Topic of Conversation Despite His Strange Private Life -

Pete Seeger, the greatest folk singer in the world, will arrive in Japan on October 9 and give his first performance at the Welfare Pension Hall, Shijuku, on November 6, followed by his tour in Japan.

After the termination of World War II, many American popular singers have visited Japan but Pete Seeger is the only singer who can sing Western and country songs. He is not only a folk singer but also a composer, writer and movie producer of folk songs and one of the best five-string banjo players. He was born in New York on May 3, 1919. His father is an outstanding musician and his mother is a violinist. Ever since his childhood, he has loved music. When he was 16 years old, he and his father attended the folk festival in Amuville (sic), North Carolina. At that time, he was fascinated by folk songs. Leaving Harvard University without finishing the whole course, (he and President Kennedy were in the same class), he started a journey in America. Shortly afterwards he made a team with Watday Gasley (phonetic), a poet from Oklahoma. This team has become the "almanac singers." This group, which may be called the founder of the modern folk chorus, was very active. However, on account of World War II, the group was dissolved.

TRANSLATED BY:

RYONG C. HAHM:eah

September 28, 1964

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After serving in the Armed Forces for four years, Seeger organized "The Weavers" in 1949. The following year he made a great hit with "Good Night Aileen" and built the present foundation for the folk boom. Leaving "the Weavers" in 1958, he became a soloist again. At that time, he concluded a contract with the Columbia Company. He is a baritone and a great Banjo player but likes to sing with his audience together. He sings in all places from Carnegie Hall to night clubs. No matter where he sings, he draws a large audience.

Pete Seeger is respected for his warm personality. However, he was questioned by the Un-American Activities Committee the year before last whether he had associated with Communists but he refused to answer the question. For his contempt of the court, he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. Finally he was released on bail of \$2,000 but his activities were hindered by fanatic right-wing organizations that created a violent incident against a student organization for the protection of Seeger. In this manner, he is a straight and independent fellow.

Seeger's private life is different from others. He opposes America's almighty materialism and lives in a log cabin on a hill overlooking the Hudson River. It is generally agreed that he is a man without material desires. He married a Japanese woman named Toshi Ota in 1943, to whom he owes his success. It is said that they have three children.

TRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE

PETE SEEGER

Pete Seeger recalls that 23 years ago, a young man, in blue jean trousers and a flannel shirt, entertained an audience with a five-string banjo in Rapid City, South Dakota. It was a wonderful night. A woman gave the banjo player three silver coins saying, "It makes no difference now" and thanked him for his entertainment.

This young man, Pete Seeger, now entertains an audience of 3,000 in Carnegie Hall. He charges \$3,000 for a night's performance. On the other hand, he sings often at churches for nothing.

In spite of his great success, he remains unchanged. He travels in an old station wagon and likes to take his family with him. He goes everywhere if his singing is wanted but he is indifferent about his pay. When he is in a good mood, he does everything to please his audience.

While playing his banjo, Pete says, "I learned my songs from a friend of mine who had learned them from a woodcutter. The woodcutter's name is Yankee John Garsha (phonetic) and he knew many songs." Keeping the time with the steps, he sings the "Blue Mountain Lake."

Come all you bold fellers
where'er you may be.

Come sit down a while
and listen to me.

The truth I will tell you

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The truth I will tell you
without a mistake

Of the rackets we have
about Blue Mountain Lake
Derry, down, down
down derry down (sic)

(Folkway Record FH 5003, Frontier Ballads)

A music critic made a comment on Pete Seeger's voice, "He understands the essence and mood of the music so well that it looks as if he is playing an instrument." He skillfully expresses his feelings to his audience. He has produced many records with the Folkway Record Company. At the present time, he is under contract with the Columbia Record Company.

Pete's mother is a violinist and his father is a music professor at the University of California in Los Angeles.

TRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE

Attached Form 3-A

Basis of Regulations:

Ministrial Ordinance on Control
of Dealings other than Trade
Attached Sheets Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5

Competent Office:

The Ministry of Finance

Application for Permission of the Contract of Services and
Payment

To: Kakuei Tanaka, Minister of Finance

Applicant: Katsujiro Sakato, Secretary General,
International Cultural Exchange Association

Nationality: Japanese

Status of Residence: Resident in Japan

Address: 7 Kawada-cho, Ichigaya, Shijuku-ku, Tokyo

Occupation or Business: Cultural exchange and services
between free nations

Officer in Charge: Nobunosuke Saito

Telephone: 362-4411

1. Opposite Party of Contract

(1) Harold Leventhal

(2) Harold Leventhal Management, Inc., 200 West 57th St.,
New York, New York, U. S. A.

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2. Parties of Contract

(1) Pete Seeger

Harold Leventhal Management, Inc., 200 West 57th St.,
New York, New York, U. S. A.

(2) Japan Travel Bureau

1 Marunouchi 1st-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

3. --

4. Kind of Service

Contract of Musical Performance

5. Payments

(1) Service fee

Performance fee: (U. S.) \$3,000

Travel Expenses in Japan: 38,740

(2) Term and Payees of Payment

A. The performance fee is paid while the performer
is in Japan.

B. National Railways and Japan Air Lines

6. Basis of Application

See the attached sheets

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/3/64

~~FROM~~ : Legal Attache, TOKYO (100-236)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Attn: FBI Laboratory

Request the enclosed Japanese language material, which is described below, be translated ☒ verbatim or ☐ in summary and the translation distributed as indicated.

Description of Material: Six miscellaneous documents

Dated - and received here on 8/28/64
under no classification from:

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Disposition of Material:

- ☐ Return to this Office
☐ Retain at Bureau
☒ Other: **Forward to New York**

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Communication for dissemination to be prepared by New York office.

Remarks: Under separate cover, English language material received from source at the same time as were the enclosed six Japanese documents is being forwarded to New York.

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SACX Legal Attache, Tokyo (100-236) September 23, 1964

Director, FBI (100-200845)

PETER SEGER
SM - C

REGISTERED MAIL

Attached is ^{a portion of} the translation which you requested by letter dated 9/3/64.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

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1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn.: Mr. Bland, sent direct with enclosure)
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TRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE

Background of Pete Seeger

Pete Seeger was born in Manhattan, America, on May 15, 1920. His father, Charles, is a musician and his mother is a violinist. In 1938 he and President Kennedy were graduated from Harvard University together.

At the present time, he gives more than 100 performances a year in high schools, colleges, summer camps, and concert halls in America, Canada, and England.

In 1962, he became a singer under contract with the Columbia Record Company.

TRANSLATED BY: *ReH*
RYONG C. HAHM:amm

September 21, 1964

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Application by the International Cultural Exchange Association

12 ✓ Pete Seeger is the most popular folk singer in America. His warm-hearted personality and outstanding musical talent draw a large audience. He is creating a healthy musical life for the people living in the mechanical age. With his strong desire to popularize folk songs, he gives performances in a large area and is loved by the world's people today.

Here, with. Among the American jazz musicians who have visited Japan recently, the number of folk singers was small. As it is certain that a public performance of outstanding folk songs will contribute in no small measure to our musical world and answer the call of music lovers in general, this application for your permission is submitted here with related papers.

Schedule of Pete Seeger's Performances in Japan

Date	Place
November 4 (Monday)	Arrival in Japan
November 5 (Tuesday)	-
November 6 (Wednesday)	Cultural Hall, Tokyo
November 7 (Thursday)	"
November 8 (Friday)	"
November 9 (Saturday)	"
November 10 (Sunday)	-
November 11 (Monday)	Musical Center, Takasaki
November 12 (Tuesday)	Gymnasium, Kawasaki
November 13 (Wednesday)	Public Hall, Omuta
November 14 (Thursday)	Ishibashi Cultural Hall, Kurume
November 15 (Friday)	Citizens' Hall, Fukuoka
November 16 (Saturday)	Central Civic Hall, Kagoshima
November 17 (Sunday)	-
November 18 (Monday)	Noguchi Memorial Hall, Nobeoka
November 19 (Tuesday)	Citizens' Hall, Tokuyama
November 20 (Wednesday)	Gynasium, Iwakuni
November 21 (Thursday)	Kyoto Hall, Kyoto
November 22 (Friday)	Public Hall, Nagoya
November 23 (Saturday)	-
November 24 (Sunday)	-
November 25 (Monday)	-
November 26 (Tuesday)	Departure for home

A Detailed Account Paid to Peter Seeger

1. Performance Fee	(US) \$3,000
2. Travel Expenses in Japan (for one person)	
Ueno- Takasaki (a round trip)	¥ 3,680
Tokyo - Kawasaki (a round trip)	¥ 200
Tokyo - Fukuoka (by air)	¥18,000
Fukuoka - Omuta	¥ 370
Omuta - Kurume	190
Kurume - Fukuoka	¥ 190
Fukuoka - Kagoshima	¥ 2,900
Kagoshima - Nobeoka	¥ 1,490
Nobeoka - Tokuyama	¥ 3,050
Tokuyama - Iwakuni	¥ 100
Iwakuni - Osaka (by air)	¥ 3,700
Osaka - Kyoto	¥ 440
Kyoto - Nagoya	¥ 1,420
Nagoya - Tokyo	¥ 3,010
Total	¥38,740

A Written Contract

In connection with the performance of Pete Seeger, (hereinafter referred to as C), in Japan, the International Cultural Exchange Association, (K.B.K.), (hereinafter referred to as A) and Harold Leventhal, (hereinafter referred to as B), have concluded the following contract on July 29, 1963:

1. A agreed with B to carry out 15 performances of C for three weeks (21 days) beginning November 5, 1963 through November 25. Any studio performances for the radio broadcasting or television telecasting will be included in the above 15 performances.
2. B is responsible for letting C arrive in Tokyo until November 4 (inclusive) and making the necessary preparations to carry out the performances under the direction of A.
3. During the above period, A will make a guaranteed payment of US \$3,000 to C. The above US \$3,000 is not subject to the income tax.
4. A agreed to deposit US \$1,000 (or an amount of Japanese currency equivalent to US \$1,000) in a bank in Tokyo as guaranty money. This money will be deposited in C's name four weeks before his arrival in Japan. This deposited money is a week's payment of C paid in advance out of his guaranteed performance fee and C will be notified of the deposit by the bank concerned).
5. A will provide C with his necessary travel expenses in Japan for the performances prescribed in the contract.
6. C is responsible for his travel expenses to and from Japan and his living expenses in Japan.
7. A owns the radio broadcasting and television telecasting right of C's performances with no additional payment to him.
8. Without the consent of A, C will not conclude any contract with any organization for the purposes of radio broadcasting television telecasting, movie performance, making records, giving lectures, or holding classes.

- either* ✓ 9. In case either of A, B, and C violates the terms of this contract, the violator will pay the other parties compensations. *sp* However, in case the terms cannot be carried out by the occurrence of natural calamity, violence or traffic accident, by C's sudden illness, by the outbreak of strike *sp* or epidemic, or by any other inevitable situation, the three parties will make the best of the situation by discussing the matter together.
10. In case a situation calls for some other terms than those in the contract, the three parties will make the decision by discussing the matter together.
11. This contract is effective while C stays in Japan.
12. This contract is made in triplicate and after signing them, A, B, and C will keep a copy until the terms in the contract are carried out.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : LEGAT, TOKYO (100-236) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

DATE: 9/18/64

Remylet 9/3/64.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, there are enclosed three copies of a letter dated 9/16/64 from

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : LEGAT, TOKYO (100-236) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

DATE: 9/3/64

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Remylet 6/26/64.

On 8/28/64,

[redacted] machine copies of all the material were made. This material is being forwarded herewith to New York for review and appraisal. Any of the enclosed material not considered pertinent to FBI interest may be destroyed.

Under separate cover, copies of documents in the Japanese language included with the above-described material are being referred to the Laboratory for translation or summary translation as appears necessary.

No copies of these documents are being retained at Tokyo.

all enclosures being sent to NYC, none being retained at SOA.

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date 9/14/64
by [signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 7/14/64

FROM : Legat, London (100-2101) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

OO: New York Remylet 4/30/64

On 6/18/64

[redacted] advised that after leaving England at Harwich for the Hook of Holland on 3/2/64, subject returned to England on 5/7/64 landing at London Airport from Moscow. He gave at least one performance in England according to [redacted] and departed for an unknown destination (presumably the United States) on 6/2/64.

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SAC, Legat, Tokyo (100-236)

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Director, FBI (100-200845)

PETER SEEGER
SM-C

REGISTERED MAIL

[Handwritten signature]

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 6/26/64.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

[Handwritten signature]

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Japanese letter is returned to Tokyo and the booklet is forwarded to New York with two copies of translation and two copies of relet.

2 - New York (100-83801) - Enclosures (5)

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" SINGING TRAVELER "
Schedule of Peter Seeger's Public Performances in Japan

Date	Place	Sponsor
November 6-7	Tokyo	Tokyo Musical and Cultural Association
November 10	Shibukawa	Shibukawa Musical and Cultural Association
November 11	Takasaki	Takasaki Musical and Cultural Association
November 13	Omuda	Omuda Music Lovers' Association
November 14	Kagoshima	Kagoshima Musical and Cultural Association
November 15	Kurume	Kurume Musical and Cultural Association
November 16	Fukuoka	Fukuoka City Music Lovers' Association
November 18	Nobeoka	Nobeoka Musical and Cultural Association
November 19	Tokuyama	Chuyo Factory Musical League
November 20	Iwakuni	Iwakuni Industrialists' Musical and Cultural Association
November 22	Yokoyama	Kawasaki Public Entertainment and Cultural Association
November 24	Kyoto	Kyoto Cultural Center Musical and Cultural Association

PETER SEEGER, STAR OF AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC

By Toyo Nakamura

Peter Seeger was born in New York on May 3, 1919. Both his parents were musicians. Accompanied by his parents, he attended a folk music festival in North Carolina in 1945 (sic), when he was 16 years old and for the first time, he was fascinated by folk songs. In 1938, he left Harvard University without finishing the complete course and started collecting American folk songs. In the meantime, he organized a group of folk song singers. When World War II broke out, the group was dissolved. Peter served in the Armed Forces for four years. Since his discharge from the Armed Forces, Peter has studied American folk music and entertained the public with a 5-string banjo and a 12-string guitar.

Peter's humble living is well-known. He dislikes "Americanism" based on material civilization, and built a hut on the bank of the Hudson River. In 1943, he married former Toshi Oda, a Japanese woman, and they have three children.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (100-236) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

DATE: 6/26/64

Remylet 5/19/64.

Enclosed are (1) letter in Japanese dated 6/15/64 received from [redacted]

[redacted] and (2) booklet in English and Japanese entitled, "Singing Traveler - PETE SEEGER" which was enclosed with the [redacted] letter.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Bureau is requested to translate the letter verbatim and to prepare summary translation of pertinent portions of the booklet. Please return original letter to Tokyo and forward the booklet for information to the New York Office. Two copies of enclosure should be furnished New York and one copy to Tokyo.

Case is being placed in RUC status at Tokyo but Bureau will be promptly advised in event any information of interest is received in the future.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 6/26/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYrep of SA ROBERT E. BOWE, 4/13/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and six copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding subject's return to NY.

The pretext used on 6/22/64 to ascertain that SEEGER had returned to the US was a telephone call to his booking agent, Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th St., NY, NY, regarding a booking of the subject's act.

This case is being placed in a closed status in view of the fact that there are no outstanding leads.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
June 26, 1964

Bufile 100-200845
NYfile 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter -C

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, edition of June 16, 1964, page 5, paragraph 1, contained an article with the caption, "Pete Seeger Back With New Harvest of World's Songs". The article revealed that Peter Seeger had just returned from a ten-month world-wide tour.

By means of a pretext conducted on June 22, 1964, it was ascertained that Peter Seeger had returned to the United States and is presently working out of New York, New York.

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A Soviet Balalaika Is Added To Pete Seeger's Repertoire

By ESTHER SHIELDS

MOSCOW — Pete Seeger, back in Moscow after a triumphal swing through other Soviet cities, was telling me about his enthusiastic audiences, when a birthday present arrived from his new Soviet friends. It was a balalaika, sent by the Philharmonic society.

You'll be playing it in your next concert, predicted one of Pete's friends, and that will really bring the house down.

Even without the balalaika,

Pete had no difficulty in winning his audiences in Leningrad, Kiev, Yalta, Tbilisi and Moscow. At least two concerts in every city.

"I couldn't imagine a friendlier audience," he exclaimed. "At the economics institute last night, the crowd showed great eagerness in singing along with me. They sang well, too. And I had fun singing with youngsters at one of Moscow's special English school sessions." Soviet folklorists brought a group of men and women in their sixties to sing old-time songs for him, songs for weddings and holiday

dancing, pensive and humorous love songs.

Pete added film footage of these singers to his world-tour collection.

"I filmed one of the Piatnitsky Chorus musicians, too," Pete said.

"I was very glad to hear this chorus sing. I have admired them for a long time."

Pete also met with young Soviet composers, who performed their own songs and other compositions.

The Seegers also visited a Ukrainian collective farm, where Pete sang with local farm workers.

They visited the Kremlin Palace Museum, pioneer palaces and a Moscow factory.

"I was lucky, too, in being invited to Soviet people's homes, where we could talk informally," Pete added.

Now the Seegers are on the homeward course. For more than eight months they have been on the go from country to country. England, Scotland and Ireland are the last stops. They return to the U.S. in June.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/19/64

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (100-236)(P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum prepared by this office which reports information received from [redacted] concerning the subject.

The extra six copies are being furnished should the Bureau desire to disseminate to interested Legal Attaches.

Further inquiry is being requested of sources in Japan. On receipt of additional information, it will be promptly forwarded.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 19, 1964

Re: PETER SEEGER

On May 15, 1964, a confidential source abroad reported that the subject, his wife, and three children entered Japan at Haneda Airport October 8, 1963, on a 4-1-9 permit as an entertainer. The subject was sponsored in Japan by the Society for International Cultural Exchange, Fuji Telecasting Co., Ltd., Tokyo, JAPAN.

According to the source, the subject appeared in the following places in Japan in his capacity as an entertainer:

11/6-9/63	Bunka Kaikan, Tokyo
11/10/63	Holiday
11/11/63	Ongaku Center, Takasaki
11/12/63	Taiikukan, Kawasaki
11/13/63	Kookaido, Omuta
11/14/63	Ishibashi Bunka, Kurume
11/15/63	Shimin Kaikan, Fukuoka
11/16/63	Chuokomintang, Kagoshima
11/17/63	Sunday
11/18/63	Noguchi Kinenkan, Nobeoka
11/19/63	Shimin Kaikan, Tokuyama
11/20/63	Taiikukan, Iwakuni
11/21/63	Kyoto Kaikan, Kyoto
11/22/63	Kokaido, Nagoya
11/23-25/63	No schedule

The subject and family departed Japan at Haneda on November 26, 1963.

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PETER SEEGER



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
May 13, 1964

Bufile 100-200845
NYfile 100-83801

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Peter Seeger

Seeger was born on May 3, 1919, at Manhattan, New York. Seeger's permanent address is Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and he is self-employed as an entertainer, singer of folk songs and banjo player. He is currently on a world concert tour as an entertainer.

Seeger is described as follows: race, white; sex, male; height, 6'1"; weight, 145 pounds; build, slim; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, fair.

According to sources who have furnished reliable information in the past, Seeger was reportedly a Communist Party (CP) member from 1947 to 1949. Seeger identified as a CP member active in the Music II CP Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. During period of 1940 to 1957, Seeger appeared as entertainer at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the U.S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450. During August, 1955, Seeger refused to discuss groups before which he had played when questioned by House Committee on Un-American Activities. On July 25, 1956, Seeger cited for contempt by House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). On March 26, 1957, a Federal indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against Seeger.

On April 1, 1957, Seeger was arraigned and released on \$1,000.00 bail. The April 8, 1961, issue of the "Peoples World," a West Coast Communist newspaper, reflected Seeger received a maximum one year prison sentence for contempt of the HCUA. Seeger was freed on bond pending an appeal of conviction on contempt of Congress charge. On May 18, 1962, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, New York, New York, reversed subject's conviction on contempt of Congress charge. Case against Seeger for contempt of Congress is closed.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File: 100-200845

Date: May 7, 1964

Subject: Peter Seeger

Date Searched: 10/7/63

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

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~~Peter Seeger~~
~~Peter Bower~~
~~Pete Bowers~~
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~~Paul Campbell~~
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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed, tesur logs or those determined to contain the same information as the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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Analyst

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ABBREVIATION

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in
this reference which pertains to
Peter Seeger may be found in the
main file or elsewhere in this
summary.

RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship, biographical data and CP activities of Pete Seeger were set forth in the serials of the main files on his relatives as follows:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Charles Louis Seeger, III	Brother	121-22476-2X1 4 5 8 9 12 19 p.1-5, 8-10 20 p.1-3,5, 7-13,15	(179) (180) (180) (180) (180) (180) (180,67) (18,53)
Michael Seeger	Half-brother	140-15475-5 p.1-3,8, 10,11 13	(19,54) (19)
Charles Louis Seeger, Jr.	Father	101-1473-8 p.4,5,14, 16 18 p.1,2,5 23 25 p.9,10	(16,52,60,65,68) (16,52,68) (16) (16,52)
Margaret Seeger	Half-sister	105-63242-13 p.3 25	(53) (17)
Takashi Ohta	Father-in-law	100-103680-13 p.2,5,6 14 p.2 16	(7,30) (63) (7)
Allen Homare Ohta	Brother-in-law	100-134741-19	(7)

A confidential source (not further described) advised that Lee Hays and Pete Seeger would teach a course in "Popular Ballad Writing" at The Writers School (100-90061) starting the new term beginning 4/21/41.

100-90061-1 p.6
(30)✓

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On April 15, 1941, [redacted] advised that he had secured two copies of the "Dairy Farmers Union Journal," 1939-1940 and 1940-41. He stated one of the journals contained a photograph entitled "The Vagabond Puppeteers" who were identified as Peter Seeger, Mary Walton, Jerry Oberwager and Harriet Holtzman (100-351424). The individuals were described in the article as college students but the informant advised that they were believed to have been members of the NYC CP who were sent out by the Party to work among the farmers in upstate NY. Informant further advised that the shows put on by those individuals discredited the President and other Government officials. The informant advised that the Puppeteers were not allowed to put on their shows in the State of Vermont.

100-351424-1 p.5
(12)✓

SI 100-363733-4 p.6
(12)✓ (Sgt. C.J. Manning of the NY Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation)

SI 100-21470-4 p.8,63
(6)✓ (Sgt. C.J. Manning of the NY Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation)

SI 100-21470-10 p.4,7
(6)✓ (Williard R. Pratt, Attorney)

SI 100-6798-10 p.8
(5)✓

SI 100-6798-37 p.11
(5)✓ (NY State Police)

In connection with the above, the records of the New York Field Division were checked for information regarding Peter Seeger, Harriet Holzman, Mary Watson, and the Vagabond Puppeteers with negative results.

The above information was submitted in a New York report dated 3/31/42.

100-21470-13 p.8
(60)

The 2/7/43 issue of "The Worker" contained an article written by Tom Dombrowski which stated that a group of singers of Detroit, Michigan, known as the "Almanac Singers" had made over 125 separate appearances since 6/1/42. They sang songs in home gatherings, union halls and mass meetings at Cadillac Square.

The article stated that the present group consisted of Arthur Stern, formerly a teacher of esthetics and art theory from New York, Charles Polachek, Chicago actor, and "Sis" Cunningham (100-30231) who came from Watonga, Okla. Peter Bowers, who was at that time a private in the Army Air Force, still advised the group and gave it inspiration.

100-30231-4 p.2
(67)

MIS advised that on 4/1/43, a letter was intercepted which was addressed to Amalia Landav, 695 E. 5th St., NYC., from Peter Seeger, ASN 34335466. The letter made reference to Fred and Sarah which probably referred to Pvt. Frederick Kurt Klaessig (100-175971) and his wife.

Add. info.

100-175971-5 encl. memo J.
(8)

MID advised that a mail intercept covering the period from 11/16/43, to 1/12/44, revealed that Pvt. P. Seeger, ASN-34335466, 39th Spec. Serv. Co., c/o Postmaster, Elkins, West Va., was an acquaintance of Margaret Booth Mayo (100-253118).

100-253118-2 p.2, Exhibit I, p.2
(68)

On 7/13/45, a highly confidential source (not further described) made available a telephone - address book maintained by John Peter Hawes (100-340992) in his apt., 1 Jane St., NYC. One of the names that appeared in the book was Peter Seegar, ASN 34335466, 39th Special Service Co., c/o Postmaster, Elkins, W.Va.

100-340992-9 p.14
(63)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Confidential Informant [] furnished a letterhead of the Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York (100-344298), Rm.209, 55 W. 42nd St., NYC. The letterhead set forth the members of the Executive Committee, Veteran Sponsors, and Public Sponsors. Pete Seeger was listed as one of the Veteran Sponsors.

The above information was submitted in a New York report dated 6/24/46.

100-344298-10 p.11
(34)

William Fincke, Director, Manumit School, RD# 2, Bristol, Pa., advised that he had employed Jerome Ziegler (124-3721) as a counselor at the school's summer camp during the Summer of 1946. He described Ziegler as sympathetic to Socialism. Ziegler, on the suggestion of another former counselor, taught the children songs published by People's Songs, Inc., NYC, which were written by Peter Seeger. Fincke described the songs as very "class strugglish though "catchy" and "aggressive". He stated that the songs were originally written as labor songs to excite and stimulate picket lines of striking workers, but that they contained what he described as subtle communist propaganda. Fincke stated that he objected to the songs and had asked Ziegler to stop using them. Ziegler defiantly continued to teach the songs and made an issue of the matter. Fincke stated that the person who was instrumental in having Ziegler use the songs was related to Seeger.

124-3721-14 p.3
(18)

This reference is an unidentified document dated August, 1946, New York City, Washington, DC, captioned "Behind the Scenes on the CIO Political Action Schools," subtitled "Records of leaders and teachers." Two of the names mentioned were Peter Seeger and Lee Hays with the following information set out: Officers of People's Songs, Inc., producers of songs designed to make U.S. servicemen homesick, which included such lines as "I Just Want to Go Home," and "I Don't Want No More of Army Life; Gee Ma, I Want to Go Home."

100-33049-34-135
(7)

The 8/9/46 issue of "Chicago Sun" contained an article entitled "Instructors Listed for the PCA* School Announcing the Four-Day Course on Political Action to be Presented by the Midwest School of Political Action Techniques at 664 N. Michigan Ave." The article stated that William H. Miller (100-359697) was the Director of the school and that a 4 day course would be started 9/4/46. Members of the faculty represented included Peter Seeger.

100-359697-1 p.11

(12)

SI 100-346274-3

(10) (Records of the Chicago Office)

*Progressive Citizens of America.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

NYC Confidential informant [] advised that during the early part of December, 1946, Yale B. Levine, 409 East 5th St., Duluth, Minn. (100-364084) had dispatched correspondence to Pete Seegar of Peoples Songs, Inc., NYC, about a filmstrip projector for putting songs on the screen so the audience could participate. Levine indicated to Seegar that he was what might be called a "grass roots peoples' artist," and that he recited ballads and poetry for unions, picket lines, etc. Levine also indicated that he desired to obtain the projector on credit as he was a disabled war veteran with limited finances.

100-364084-2 p.6

(58)

ONI advised that in 1947 John Melville Kelly, Jr. (100-378633) while attending the Juilliard School of Music (6/25/46-5/26/50) was responsible, as president of the student council, for inviting Pete Seeger to the Juilliard School of Music. Kelly's acquaintance with Seeger was believed to date back to 1944 when Seeger was in Honolulu as a member of the "Almanac Singers".

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100-378633-9 encl.p.2

(43)

On 3/21/47, G-2 advised that Pete Seeger, a Cafe Society star, testified before the Federal Communication Commission hearing endorsing the Peoples' Radio Foundation.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-7660-4324 p.32
(28)

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that she had seen a letter headed "Dear Herb:" from People's Songs Inc., 235 East 11th St., NYC, dated 5/12/47, stating that Haufrecht was listed as holding a yellow booklet of membership application blanks to People's Songs, numbered A-18. The letter requested that Haufrecht mail back the yellow booklet at his earliest convenience and that he would be sent application blanks for which he would collect \$2.50 each, rather than use the booklet. The letter, according to the informant, was signed Pete, who was Pete Seeger, National Director of People's Songs, Inc., Herb Haufrecht was the husband of Betty Haufrecht (100-362312).

100-362312-2 p.11
(12,41)

Records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation* revealed that one Allan Morris, aka, Allen Morris, advised on 5/27/47, that he was conducting and managing a series of forums under the name of "The Progressive Forum, 13 Astor Place, NYC. Morris furnished the names of the following who were associated with that organization: Harold Collins, Director of the Jefferson School, and Pete Seeger.

[redacted] advised that on 7/5/43, a meeting of the "Progressive Forum" was held at 13 Astor Place, NYC. Seeger sang songs and spoke on "Folk songs-an expression of American Democracy."

On 3/3/47, [redacted] advised that Seeger, a singer and guitarist, who was head of People's Songs, Inc., and who was employed at the Village Vanguard, a night club in NYC, was either a CP member or a communist sympathizer.

Add. info.

121-20238-15 p.1-3
(17,81)
SI par. 1 and 2
121-20238-7 p.2,3
(17,53)(Add.info.)

*Believed to be of the NYC PD.

The June, 1947 issue of "Plain Talk", a book published monthly by "Plain Talk, Inc.," Editorial Offices at 240 Madison St., NYC, contained an article entitled "Behind the Asbestos Curtain," by Walter K. Lewis. This article made reference to Cafe Society Uptown which featured the "DW" taste in entertainment including Pete Seeger and his People's Songsters.

(Copy of "Plain Talk" enclosed)
94-36511-68 encl. 15
(25)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Confidential Informant [] advised that on 5/9/47, DeWitt Eldridge and Doris Plenn had a rather lengthy conversation in which such individuals as Peter Seeger, a friend of the Eldridges and Plenns in NYC, was mentioned.

On 11/14/46, Confidential Informant [] advised that Hope Tisdale Eldridge, 1800 - 28th Place, S.E., Washington, DC, an employee of the Census Bureau, was one of several new members of the Washington Bookshop. Hope Eldridge was the wife of Carey DeWitt Eldridge who was connected with the Division of Romance Languages, George Washington University.

It was noted that Doris Plenn was the wife of Abel Rolf Plenn, one of the subjects of the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case (65-56402).

65-56402-2849 p.112

(4)

SI par. 1

65-56402-2964 p.23,24

(4) (Summary of information was set out on Seeger which is covered in his main file or other references in this summary)

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This reference is an unidentified clipping (block dated 8/15/47) received from Confidential Informant [] which pertained to the record album "Roll The Union On" recorded by Asch Records, NYC. Peter Seeger was one of those who made these records. Background data on Seeger was set out which is covered in his main file or in other references in this summary.

100-343282-123
(10)

By letter dated 8/21/47, the New York Office enclosed a photostatic copy of the "10th Anniversary Journal of Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade." The Journal contained lists of advertising supporters as well as names of firms, organizations and individuals of the Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade (100-7060). Advertisements by the United Record Service and O. Pagani and Bro., Inc., both of NYC, contained lists of record albums including those by Peter Seeger.

100-7060-416 encl.p.8,19
(5)

On 8/25/47, [] related how Clara Schroeder, communist, was looking for a speaker for an unspecified meeting. Evelyn Murray, another communist, suggested Pete Seeger, saying he was in town (ostensibly to attend the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Convention*) from NYC.

(It was later learned that Seeger presented his program of "Union Songs" at the convention).

100-108199-568 p.20
(31)

*Convention was held 8/25-30/47, at St. Paul, Minn.

On 10/2/47, [] advised that Sol Faber (ph) in conversation with Ethel Weisser (100-347179) stated that he had the "dough" for her. Ethel stated that she would call and maybe they'd "plod out" that weekend. Sol stated that he was going to hear Pete Segar Friday evening and Ethel had stated that she was also and that Segar was going to Hollywood so Tom Glazier would speak. Sol stated that he was still going and would see her then and give it to her then. Ethel agreed, saying they could deposit it Saturday. (No further details).

100-347179-120 p.11
(80)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Former [] advised that Peter Seeger and Irwin Silber (100-404340), Chairman and Executive Secretary of People's Songs, Inc., NYC, wrote an article captioned "Hans Eisler," in November, 1947, which article appeared in "People's Songs, Inc.," in that same month and year.

On 9/24/47, Hans Eisler, brother of Gerhardt Eisler, testified before the HCUA, Washington, D.C., that he had applied for and had been accepted for membership in the CP in Germany in 1926, but had never been active in CP work.

100-404340-9 p.14
(14)

[] on 2/18/48, advised that Ronnie E. Dugger, University of Texas student, was chairman of the Austin Branch of the People's Songs. Pete Seeger, folklorist, was to furnish literature. On 2/17/48, about 250 people turned out for the Union Seeger program. Seeger was on stage with Doc Reese, local Negro preacher, and Phil Klein, President of "Common Sense".

100-345613-30 encl.p.14.
(34)

TEY.

In May, 1948, [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that Eric Bernay (100-26981) had indicated ownership of the total stock of the Music Room Corporation, thus leading to the conclusion that Bernay was the sole owner.

It was noted that the "Music Room Corporation, also known as the Music Room," had been the subject of some investigation in the NY Office. A confidential source of the Bureau observed what he believed to be an under the counter sale of a record. The informant noted that the record only contained a blank piece of paper in the center of the disk. The informant overheard the record playing and stated "it was about all the ills of Congress, the President, etc. and sounded suspiciously like the voice of Pete Seeger. (no date).

Confidential Informant [redacted] had advised that Seeger was a well known CP entertainer, a former leader of the Almanac Singers and and the National Director of Peoples Songs, Inc. (no date)

It was noted that Bernay had the name of Seeger in his personal address book. It was also noted that Seeger was a contact of one Abel Plenn, who in turn was the subject of inquiry in connection with the investigation of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. (no date)

100-26981-65 p.3,11
(7,29)
SI par. 2
94-8-93-166
(25) (Nick Kenny of the
"NY Daily Mirror"
furnished a news
release entitled
"Platter Chatter",
dated 7/2/47.

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that George Britton (100-364166) as Chairman of People's Songs of Philadelphia, had received a charter from the New York Office of People's Songs, Inc. for a Philadelphia Branch. The charter was dated 10/20/48, and signed by Irwin Silber, Executive Director and Peter Seeger, National Chairman.

100-364166-1 p.8
(12)

ONI advised that during an interview with Dr. Loyola Donnelly, New Orleans, La., concerning David Lamar Stephens (140-1293), stated that during October or November, 1948, she and Stephens attended a Youth Progressive meeting at which Pete Seiger entertained. According to Dr. Donnelly, Stephens had, since that occasion, corresponded with Seiger requesting information as to names of places where information relative to folk songs could be obtained, a type of music in which Stephens was very interested.

140-1293-3 encl.p.14
(81)

This reference sets out information concerning the activities of Pete Seeger and Bernard Asbel (100-367699), members of "People's Songs" singing troupe covering the period from 1946 to 1949. Seeger was one of the directors of "People's Songs, Inc." and Asbel was former editor of "People's Songs Bulletin" which published folk songs.

100-367699-1 p.4-7,9-11
(13,42)

Francis Oliver McGowan, 108 East 82nd St., NYC, furnished a voluminous manuscript consisting of documentations of individuals active in the entertainment field, the majority of which documentations were obtained from public sources. One of the items which appeared in the manuscript was a list of personalities in the entertainment field who were sponsors of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for Peace, held at the Waldorf Astoria, NYC, in March, 1949, which appeared in an HUCA report on the Waldorf Conference, 4/19/49. A list of names following the sponsor list included the name Pete Seeger.

Photostat of manuscript enclosed
100-138754-654 encl.p.5
(31)

George E. Fairchild, 500 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY, member of the Syracuse Board of Education, advised that on 2/24/49, representatives of the American Labor Party and the Young Progressives of America (100-359192) applied for the use of the auditorium of the Madison School in Syracuse, to sponsor a concert by Pete Seegar and Laura Duncan on 3/19/49. The permit was issued by the Board of Education which was subsequently revoked.

100-359192-97 p.1,2

(58)✓

SI 100-361681-2 p.2

(41)✓

ONI advised that records of the Internal Security Section, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, revealed that the Common Sense Club, believed to have been an "intelligensia discussion group," at the University of Texas, was believed to have been CP dominated. The organization had sponsored the appearance of Pete Seeger and "Doc" Reese, Negro folk singer, both of whom were associated with People's Songs Inc., which was cited by the California Un-American Committee as a CP front. In April, 1949, information was received which indicated the organization was no longer in existence.

105-60187-1 encl.p.10

(17)✓

SI 100-434254-1 encl.p.2

(16)✓ ONI report enclosed

On 4/11/49, Dr. Harvey M. Rice, Principal of Oswego State Teachers College, Oswego, NY, advised that he considered William Haywood Nuchow (100-361591) "unquestionably a fellow traveler, if nothing more" for the reason that Nuchow was a personal friend of Laura Duncan and Pete Seegar, musician for Senator Glen Taylor, and had been responsible for bringing them to Oswego for a concert sponsored by the NAACP. However, according to Dr. Rice, their program had been entirely musical.

100-361591-1 p.2

(58)✓

[redacted] furnished a letter on 10/5/49, written by Peter Seeger to Barnard Rubin, a columnist of the "DW", NYC, wherein Seeger stated that the letter may not be in time for Rubin to find room for its contents in the May 22nd issue of the "Worker" but was hoping for the best. Seeger further wrote that the release should have gone through the hands of the publicity committee of which Adrienne Claiborne (100-332947) was chairman. Seeger stated that he had sent a copy to Claiborne for her to check and if she desired to change it, she would call Rubin. Seeger stated that if things proceeded O.K. a large turnout would be on hand and one of their main purposes was to sing on picket lines. (no further details).

100-332947-2 p.3,4
(9)

The 7/6/49 issue of "DW", page 5, column 5, contained an article which appeared as follows:

"We invite you to help form a new music organization devoted to labor and the progressive movement. Founding meeting Friday July 8, 8 p.m., White Collar Center, 30 E. 29 St. Admission free.

Paul Robeson
Betty Sanders

Pete Seeger
Alex North"

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that Seeger was a member of the CP as late as January, 1949. According to the informant. Seeger was the Literature Director of the CP Club within the People's Songs organization.

The 10/1/47 issue of "DW", page 11, column 5, revealed that Seeger was the editor of People's Songs Bulletin.

The "New York Times" of 7/14/49, carried an article which stated that Manning Johnson, who testified before the HCUA concerning his CP membership from 1930 to 1940, and spent 3 years in its ruling echelon, identified Robeson as a member of the CP "for many years."

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In November, 1945, records of the [redacted] (protect identity) revealed that North was a member of a group of composers, narrators, and singing recorders of The Young People's Record Club, Inc., 40 West 46th St., NYC, which was recently formed for the purpose of selling children's records. Informant stated that the president of that club was one Horace Grenell, who was described as an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science, NYC, a sponsor of People's Radio Foundation, Inc., and a member of the board of directors of People's Songs, Inc.

Add. info.

121-874-73 encl.p.4-6
(17,53)

[redacted]

On 9/12/49, [redacted] furnished a copy of a letter from Thomas Burgoon (100-355234), whose return address was given as 445 W. 24th St., Apt. A-5, NYC, to his mother, Mrs. Irene Burgoon, 715 Rockhill St., Fort Wayne, Indiana, giving his version of the violence that had taken place at the Robeson Rally* in Peekskill, NY. He described it "as a real taste of American Fascism." He also mentioned that Pete Seeger's baby and wife, Toshi, were injured at the rally.

100-355234-5 p.3
(39)

*Robeson rally was held on 8/27/49.

In an interview on 9/8/49, Mrs. Richard McCahon, 16 West 8th St., NYC, furnished names of persons in the Council of the Actors Equity Association (100-49952) whom she believed to be communists or definite communist sympathizers. During the interview she exhibited a record produced by Encore Records, Inc., entitled "Talking Atom," written by Vera Partlow, which was apparently produced by People's Songs inasmuch as the name appeared upon the face of the recording. Mrs. McCahon played the record and it was noted that the number, which was sung in a hillbilly fashion by Pete Seeger, was designed to follow the CP line on the atomic bomb inasmuch as it expressed the opinion that the US would use the atomic bomb to back up the capitalist form of government and to intimidate other nations.

Mrs. McCahon stated that Seeger, who was well known as a hillbilly singer, subtly used his abilities in that line to place communist propaganda in the minds of his listeners.

100-49952-10
(30)

Patrick O. Reynolds, 623 East Vernon Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. advised that Harvey Cogbill (121-21227) formerly worked for the Record Merchandising Company at 1903 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, and had also worked for the "California Eagle" which was a Los Angeles newspaper.

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Reynolds furnished a mimeographed sheet which was given to him by Cogbill advertising records that were available at the Progressive Book Shop in Los Angeles. Titles of records by Pete Seeger and others were set out.

Above information was submitted in a Los Angeles report dated 1/4/50.

(Photostat of
sheet enclosed)
121-21227-4 encl.
(530)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that Ilene Rhoda Shostak (100-418459) was associated with the Good Neighbor Chorus during September, 1949, to February, 1950. Informant described the chorus as an organization led by Pete Seeger that met in a Community Center on 110th St., near Lenox Ave., NYC. The group began as just a folk singing group, but was soon singing for such organizations as ALP and People's Artists.

[redacted] advised that Seeger had entertained at closed meetings of the CP. Informant stated that he had never heard of non-communists being admitted to closed meetings, but informant could not positively state that Seeger was a CP member. (no date)

Add. info.

100-418459-1 p.5,6
(15,48)

The 1/27/49 issue of "DW," page 13, column 3, contained an article entitled "New Singing Film Strip Tells Trenton Frame Up Story". The article mentioned that six Negro boys were sitting in death-house cells at the State Prison in Trenton, New Jersey convicted and sentenced for a crime they never committed. The CRC which was handling the case for 3 of the boys was taking the story to the American people with a special film strip sound track documentary production which was being produced by People's Songs. Paul Robeson narrated the story on the sound track and Pete Seeger and Lee Hays (100-345986) sang the new song which People's Songs had written on the case. The script was written by Hays.

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] advised that the "DW" received a request on 3/21/49 to change the subscription address of "The Weavers" from care of People's Songs to their residences.

[redacted] also advised that on 3/15/50 Pete Seeger, 129 McDougal St., NYC, wrote to the "DW" stating ".....the four Weavers would still appreciate the subscriptions. We need 'em bad!" The name of Lee Hays had the address of 13 St. Marks Place, New York, N.Y.

Add. info.

100-345986-4 p.12,13,15,17
(57)✓

INS advised that at the time Roy Armstrong Lowther (100-358398) was apprehended by the Border Patrol on 8/19/50, at Blaine, Washington, he had in his possession a letter dated 5/16/50, salutation was "Dearest Roy" and signed "L." ("L" not further identified). Pete Seeger was mentioned in the letter. Letter set out.

100-358398-7 p.5
(40)✓

Mr. Jerry Amabile, a carrier, US Post Office, Prince Street Station, NYC, advised that a removal address card was received on 12/5/50, from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seeger of 129 MacDougal St. The forwarding address was given, c/o Cromwell Music, 129 West 52nd St., New York 19, NY. The removal card was dated 11/24/50.

On 12/7/50, the NY Office ascertained through telephone inquiry to the Cromwell Music, Inc., that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Peter Seeger was employed by that company.

Background information on Seeger was set out which is covered in the main file or other references in this summary.

100-367044-4 p.4,10,11
(13)✓

In a sworn signed statement [redacted] (protect identity) stated that Lawrence Henry Weinberg (100-404089) sang in the Good Neighbor Chorus, which was directed by Pete Seeger and located at 3135 W. 110th St., NYC. He stated that it occurred between late 1949 and 1950. He stated that this person spent time at that address until it broke up in 1951.

[redacted] stated that the Good Neighbor Chorus was an organization that claimed to be working to improve race relations, and that it was sponsored by Pete Seegar.

100-404089-14 p.9,15
(46,63)

[redacted] advised that a meeting of the Franklin County, Ohio PP was held on 1/9/51 at the home of Anna Morgan (61-10347). The meeting featured Pete Seegar, who sang progressive songs. Seegar, according to the informant, along with his wife, spent the night of 1/9/51 at the home of Morgan.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

61-10347-54 p.6
(55)

On 5/18/50, [redacted] advised that Peter Seeger had been a "concealed communist".

On 11/24/48, ONI and on 1/24/51 [redacted] (protect identities), advised that Peter Seeger was one of the artists used by the Young People's Records, Inc. (YPR) (100-367780).

On 3/13/51, [redacted] (protect identity), advised that Seeger had been the singer for the records, "Sea Songs" (November, 1948), and "Let's All Join In" (September, 1947), put out by the YPR.

On 3/15/51, [redacted] (protect identity), advised that Seeger had been used by Horace Grenell when he was with the YPR.

100-367780-12 p.44
(13)

WFO letter dated 5/6/51, revealed that Ruth Crawford Seeger had been in communication via mail with Rose Gregg, wife of Joseph Bernard Gregg (100-342716).

Ruth Seeger was the wife of Charles Louis Seeger. They resided at 7 West Kirke St., Chevy Chase, Md., and were the step-mother and father of Peter Seeger. Charles Seeger was formerly married to Constance De Clyver Edson, and had three sons by that marriage, namely John, Peter and Charles Louis Seeger, III. He married his second wife, Ruth, on 11/14/31, and according to "Who's Who in America" (1942-43), they had four children, Michael, Margaret, Barbara and Mona.

100-342716-32
(10)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] advised that on 6/9/51, Mrs. Gertrude Mayer (100-366124) and her husband, Andrew Mayer, attended a social held at the home of Anna Morgan, who was described by informant as a CP member, at 5800 Cleveland Ave., Worthington, Ohio. This social was for the purpose of obtaining contributions to help finance the westward tour of Pete Seegar whose tour had been booked by the PP.

100-366124-7 p.4
(58)

The 8/2/51 issue of "Daily Peoples World," page 7, carried a photograph of Charles Chaplin (100-127090) and stated thereunder, "Charlie Chaplin will liven the film fare, 8:00 PM, Friday, August 3rd, at Masonic Hall, Seventh and Henry, Oakland, California, when the Labor Youth League screens a movie festival for peace. A short of Pete Seeger and his banjo and shorts from the Soviet Union complete the film bill".

100-127090-96 p.103
(31)

[] advised that on 9/9/51, Ramon Greer, 429 East 80th St., NYC, telephone number RE-7-8791, made a long distance toll call to Peter Seeger, Beacon, NY, s 13JZ. The toll charge was 40 cents.

On 4/27/51, [] advised that Pete Seeger was a musician, an official of the Peoples' Artists, and a member of the CP. It was noted that on 6/3 and 6/6/51, a surveillance of Mrs. Ramon Greer revealed that she visited the Peoples' Drama, Inc., 216 Eldridge St., NYC, where she was believed to have worked. It was likely that the telephone call to Seeger referred in some way to her employment.

100-1548-210 p.1,2

(59)

On 3/20/52, []

[] who were being considered at that time as Potential Security informants of the St. Louis Office, advised that Waldemar Hille, the leader of the Neighborhood Folk Chorus, had always professed to be in favor of keeping the chorus from being associated with any other group. Informants stated that Hille gave no indication of any communist connections except that after returning from NY in the fall of 1951, Hille stated to the informants that Pete Seeger, who was at that time a member of the group known as the Weavers, and the Weavers were in the middle of a "Red Smear" and that nobody would hire them professionally. Informants stated that Seeger was Hille's "idol".

100-389865-1 p.3,4

(44)

OSI furnished a copy of an unsigned statement by Harvey Marshall Matusow (100-375988), concerning his pro-communistic activities and affiliations for a representative of the HCUA dated 10/19/51. Matusow stated that Pete Seeger was a member of the Weavers' singing group, Peoples Songs, Peoples Artists and the Music Section of the CP in NY. Matusow also stated that he had attended CP meetings with Seeger.

(Copy of statement enclosed)
100-375988-35 encl.p.26,29,92
(43)

Mr. Leon Loeb, Manager of the Sound Studios, 1124 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, DC, advised that Mrs. Sarina Mitrache, of the Rumanian Legation (65-57411), ordered his studios to dub 8 copies of a record, which she had brought to the studios, entitled "The Peekskill Story". Mr. Loeb stated that the recording was made by the Weavers and was a narration of the program planned at Peekskill by Paul Robeson, Howard Fast, and Pete Seeger.

The above information was submitted in a WFO report dated 12/3/51.

65-57411-1118 p.14
(24)

On 5/9/57, Ernest Iata, Manager, Security, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Commercial Atomic Power Activity, Avenue F and West St., Forest Hills, Pa., furnished a copy of a report concerning Leonard James Spielberger (100-426242) which was prepared by the Security Office of the above facility. The report revealed that Spielberger had stated that while attending the City College of New York prior to 1952, he attended an American Youth for Democracy meeting at which Pete Seeger sang songs.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-426242-1 encl.p.3
(49)

The 2/15/52 issue of "Counterattack," a weekly news letter, published by the American Business Consultants, Inc., NYC, set out information, including the following, with respect to Walter Bernstein's (100-353390) adaptation of the play called "The Rich Boy": Philco had scored again with its TV Playhouse because "Counterattack" had brought Philco programs to the attention of its subscribers a number of times in the past---when they had featured Pete Seeger and others.

100-353390-413 p.5
(39)

Cleveland letter dated 2/27/52, advised that the Honolulu "Advertiser" of 2/7/52, carried an article which referred to the testimony of ex-communist Harvey M. Matusow before the HCUA in Washington, DC, on 2/6. During the course of his testimony Matusow identified Lee Hays, Pete Seeger, Robbie Gilbert and Freddie Helleman, four members of the singing group known as the "Weavers," as members of the CP. The article stated that the group was appearing in Cleveland, Ohio, at that time.

The Honolulu Office advised that Seeger was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands during the year 1945 while serving in the US Army. Seeger allegedly was a close friend of Robert Walter McElrath (100-38459) during that time and was said to have written a campaign song utilized by the CIO Political Action Committee, which group was controlled by the CP members within the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union.

The Cleveland Office was requested to interview Seeger for any information he might have concerning McElrath and the CP of Hawaii.

Cleveland Office advised that Seeger had completed his night club engagement and had left Cleveland. It was believed that he was from NYC, therefore, it was being left to the discretion of the New York Office as to whether Seeger would be interviewed.

100-38459-49
(79)
SI par. 1
100-29988-A "Times Herald,"
(29) 2/7/52

In connection with the above request, New York Office letter dated 3/13/52, set out a summary of information from the records of that office. NY advised that there would be no interview of Seger.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-38459-52
(7,29,65)✓

[redacted] advised that a meeting of the Kansas City Peace Committee (KCPC) was held on 5/14/52, at Kansas City, Mo., at which Dr. Willard Uphaus, Co-Director of the American Peace Crusade, was the principal speaker. On the evening before the meeting began, Harold Bernhardt, Jr. (100-368113), Ray Miller, Chairman of the Kansas City Peace Committee, Dr. Uphaus and Pete Seegar were all entertained at the home of Harry and Ruth Shapiro. Seegar was described as being very progressive.

[redacted] advised that Harry and Ruth Shapiro were close associates of Bernhardt.

100-368113-7 p.9
(59)✓

G-2 furnished a Photostat copy of a signed sworn interview dated 8/20/60, with Gilbert Stuart Ross (140-24612). During the interview Ross was questioned in relation to the 3 resorts where he worked in the summers of 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950 and 1952, if a "Pete Seeger" ever worked at any of the places as an entertainer. Ross stated not that he recalled while he was present.

(Photostat copy of
statement enclosed)
140-24612-7 encl.p.19
(54)✓

During an investigation to locate William Norman Marron (100-104799) the following information was set out:

It had been alleged that Marron had been seen at a farm in the up-state New York area over the week-end of 7/20/52.

Investigation of the Charles Lester Rice Farm, Newburgh, NY, revealed that Peter Seeger was a contact of this farm. Numerous CP functionaries had also been in contact with this farm. (No date).

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] (protect identity), advised Seeger was married to Toshi Ohta and that they resided with their two small children in a cabin on Coldspring Road. [redacted] stated that he was not well acquainted with Seeger, but that it was general knowledge in the community that Seeger was a communist. (No date).

Mr. Anthony C. Triolo, Coldspring Road, Beeken, NY, the closest and only other resident in the immediate vicinity of the Seeger residence, and who had resided in the vicinity for the past one or two years, advised that the Seeger family had frequent week-end guests from NYC in the summer, but that it was on an occasional week-end that there was anyone else at their residence in the winter. (no date).

On 5/18/50, [redacted] advised that Seeger was a communist either because he, informant, personally met him at closed communist meetings, or his meeting with Seeger was such that he knew he was a Party member. Informant stated that he was advised by Alexander Trachtenberg and V.J. Jerome in 1945 that Seeger was a Party member.

Background data was set out which is covered in the main file or other references in this summary.

100-104799-990 p.72,76-78

(7)

On 7/29/52, a Bureau Agent of the New York Office observed a Young People's Records (100-367780) display at a Doubleday book and record shop, Grand Central Station, NYC. Among the artists listed was Pete Seeger.

On 7/30/52, [redacted] (protect identity), advised that he had heard numerous records put out by Young People's Records and to his knowledge they did not contain any communist propaganda. He stated that the records were well made insofar as artistic quality was concerned. He stated it was possible that records made by certain artists including Pete Seeger were still on the market, because as previously pointed out by the informant, the records were artistically well done.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-367780-20 p.3,6,7
(42)✓

On 11/28/52, [redacted] advised that Walter Brownie McGhee (100-405703) was a member of People's Songs and had previously recorded with Ernie Leiberman and Pete Seegar, "People's Artists Incorporated."

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that Leiberman was known to him as a member of the CP.

100-405703-2 p.4
(59)✓

The State Department (protect identity) advised that in December, 1952, they had received information from the American Consul General, Geneva, Switzerland (protect identity) that Anna Stein Casetta (100-403011) and her husband had sent a leaflet to Peter Seeger, Box 452, Beacon, New York, concerning peace.

Add. info.

100-403011-6 p.6,8
(14,45)✓
SI 100-354138-42 p.4,6,7
(12,39)✓

[] advised that on 3/29/53, Jerry and Jeanine Haley gave a party for the membership of the Neighborhood Folk Chorus (NFC) (100-395584) at their home in St. Louis, Mo. During the party those present held a heated discussion over the NFC sponsorship of a program in St. Louis by Pete Seeger. Ella Mae Pappademos and several others present were opposed to sponsoring a concert by Seeger because of a singing group of which he had formerly been a member had no Negro members. Subsequently, all but Pappademos voted to sponsor the Pete Seeger concert. [] described Pappademos as an active member of the CP at that time.

[] advised that on 3/29/53 John Pappademos conducted the musical portion of an NFC meeting at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Those present held a discussion of the forthcoming concert by Seeger.

[] advised that further plans were made for the NFC sponsored Pete Seeger concert at an NFC meeting on 4/5/53, at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Informant described John Pappademos as an active member of the CP in St. Louis area at that time.

[] advised that the persons who attended a group meeting of the CP in early April, 1953 discussed the recent dissension within the NFC over the Pete Seeger concert. The CP member causing the dissension was severely criticized by those present.

Add. info. according to []

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-395584-3 p.5,6,17,26
(45)

[] advised that on 4/12/53, Victor Perlo (100-362128) made a toll call to Beacon, NY, 13J2, Pete Seegar.

Background information on Seegar was set out which is covered in the main file or other references in this summary.

100-362128-170 p.9
(58)

On 4/20/53 [] advised that Norman Eliot Rafsky (65-25428) had made a call to a number which [] advised was registered in the name of Pete Seeger in Beacon, NY.

65-25428-123 p.4
(24)

The 1/11/49 issue of "DW," page 12, column 5, announced that "People's Songs, Incorporated" was presenting a new singing quartet composed of Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, Fred Hellerman and Ronnie Gilbert (100-384364) at the "Free and Equal Hootenanny" on 1/28,29/49 at the Yugoslav - American Home, 405 West 41st St., NYC.

The 11/20/49 issue of "The Worker," section 1, page 8, column 5 contained an invitation from the "Weavers," Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, Freddie Hellerman and Ronnie Gilbert to an "open house" at the "Photo League," 23 East 10th St., NYC on 11/20/49.

The 12/7/49 issue of "DW," page 8, column 5 announced a "Hootenanny" with "The Weavers," Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Hellerman, on 12/9/49 at the Penthouse, 13 Astor Place, NYC. It was indicated that tickets would be available through "People's Artists".

On 5/6/53, Pete Kameron advised that he had been the business manager of the Weavers Singing Quartet since about April, 1950. He stated that the quartet had originated in late 1949. He stated that the quartet consisted of Pete Seeger, Lee Hays, Fred Hellerman and Ronnie Gilbert. Kameron stated that he had obtained bookings for the quartet through the Associated Booking Corporation, 745 5th Ave., NYC, and that the quartet had appeared on radio, television and in night clubs throughout the country. Kameron stated that he had arranged a contract for the group to make recordings for Decca Records Incorporated, NYC and the contract was to terminate in May, 1954. He stated that the last public appearance as a group was set for 5/30/53 when they would perform for a private party given by the Holliday Steel Co., in Indianapolis, Indiana. He stated that he believed that the quartet was through as a group due to the dissension within the group and because of adverse publicity which had prevented their obtaining bookings.

100-384364-4 p.6,10-12
(44)✓

G-2 advised that during the period from 12/5/52 to 6/12/53, Sydney Rubenstein (100-409585) associated with Peter Seegar, member and/or director of the cultural branch of the CP.

100-409585-3 encl.p.2
(63)✓

On 8/20/53, [redacted] (protect identity), advised that Felix Henry Landau (100-371622) became associated with People's Songs, Inc., which was run by Pete Seegar, following his discharge from the military service. Landau worked as office manager and in an administrative capacity. Landau left People's Songs since Seegar owed him almost a year's salary.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-371622-11 p.3

(59)✓

SI 100-371622-7 p.3,4

(59)✓

SI 96-3307-28 p.4

(56)✓

On 11/2/53, [redacted] (protect identity) advised that Jane R. Goin of the Students for Peace (100-410145) had filed an application with the Dean of Men, Cornell University, requesting permission to hold a public event, namely a folk sing led by Pete Seeger of "The Weavers" on 11/12/53 in the Old World Room of the Annabell Taylor Hall, Cornell University.

100-410145-5 p.6,10

(14,46)✓

This reference appeared in file 100-365088 which pertained to the importation and sale of foreign publications. P. Seeger, People's Artists, 206 W. City St., NYC, was listed as an addressee for January, 1954, "International Union of Students, Executive Committee, Vienna". Lists of the publications were enclosed.

The Solicitor, Post Office Department, advised that this publication was to be disposed of as nonmailable matter.

100-365088-1811 encl.p.42

(70)✓

[redacted] advised that Zygmunt Krawczyk was requested by Nathan Einhorn (100-340620) to make arrangements for the appearance of Pete Seeger and Betty Sander at the Koszcuisko birthday celebration in Detroit, Mich., on 2/12/54. Einhorn stated that such noted singers would attract many people to such a celebration.

It was noted that Krawczyk was the Polish Consul General in Detroit.

100-340620-50 p.3

(33)✓

[redacted] advised that Frank Humphrey Ilchuk (100-349652) had been trying to contact someone at Beacon, NY, on 2/25 and 26/54, and that this person could be reached by calling Beacon 2642. Informant was unaware of the reason Ilchuk was attempting to contact the above party.

On 6/24/54, [redacted] (protect identity), advised that Peter Seeger was the subscriber to Beacon 2642. Informant stated that Seeger was self-employed and resided on Cold Spring Road, Beacon, NY.

[redacted] advised that Seeger had been closely affiliated with many CP organizations in the folk song entertainment field and that it was the informant's opinion that Seeger was a CP member. According to the informant, Seeger was in the past closely associated with People's Artists.

100-349652-59 p.6
(11)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Former [redacted] advised that Frank Humphrey Ilchuk (100-349652) had spoken to a Francis Earnshaw (phonetic) in behalf of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which was to hold an all-day conference on 2/27/54, and a rally in the evening at the Yugoslav Hall, NYC. Ilchuk indicated that it was an anti-McCarran Act meeting. Ilchuk indicated that he was attempting to obtain Pete Seeger as a guest soloist at the rally.

[redacted] advised that Ilchuk had indicated to him on 3/9/54, that Seeger was unable to perform for the proposed anti-McCarran Act meeting.

Add. info.

100-349652-53 p.4,5
(36)

[redacted] advised that on 4/12/54 Virginia Covitz Malbin (100-367414) attended a function at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, at which Pete Seeger sang a number of songs. According to the informant, afterwards a reception was held for Seeger in an apartment at 54th and S.E. Woodstock, Portland, and Malbin was observed to have had a private discussion with Seeger at the reception.

100-367414-24 p.6
(42)✓

The 7/29/54 issue of "Berkshire Evening Eagle," a Pittsfield, Massachusetts newspaper, contained an article entitled "Innholders Deny Legion Charge". The article stated that a charge was made by Charles N. Collatos, State Commander of the American Legion, that the Festival House and Shadowood Inn in Lenox, Mass., should be investigated for possible communist activities because they advertised in the "National Guardian" which Collatos characterized as having carried on "fine friendly relations with communists".

The article stated that Bruno Aron, proprietor of Festival House, and Max Rosenberg, proprietor of Shadowood Inn, denied the charges. Aron stated that he not only advertised in the "National Guardian" but also in several different types of publications.

Another charge leveled at Festival House by Commander Collatos was that Peter Seeger performed at the Inn.

Aron told the "Eagle" that he regarded Seeger as an artist and one of the best folk singers in the business. Seeger appeared at the Festival House whenever he came to Lenox, Mr. Aron stated, which was as recently as last Thursday.

100-257398-A "Berkshire Evening
(8)✓ Eagle," 7/29/54

During an interview on 9/18/54, Robert S. Harris, 27 Union Square West, NYC, advised that he was the owner of the Stinson Record Shop, Inc., which occupied the premises at 27 Union Square West. Phonograph records displayed by Harris were those of Pete Seeger, Betty Sanders and others of People's Artists, Inc.

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It was noted that 27 Union Square West was the address of the May Day Committee (100-16912) headquarters for the year 1950.

100-16912-283

(280)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that on 10/16/54, William Lawrence Gilman's (100-406134) wife, Elsie, attended a social function in the home of Ira and Mildred Corben, Apartment 9, 170 New York Ave., Brooklyn, which was also the residence of William Gilman and his family. Informant stated that Pete Seegar was to have been present at the function, but did not show up.

100-406134-13 p.7,8

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SI 100-406135-6 p.4,5

(60)

Mr. Charles Keppel, 2 Thomas Park, Cambridge, Mass., a chemistry instructor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., advised that in the Spring of 1955, David Michael Steinberg (105-88522) worked on the "fun fair" doing publicity work. The "fun fair" was a money raising activity of the International Students Association. In that activity, Steinberg worked with Peggy Seegar, half sister of Pete Seegar, a well-known singer of folk songs. Pete Seegar, according to Keppel, allegedly associated with a communist element in New York. Seegar was the chief entertainer in at least two performances put on by the Creative Arts Workshop (CAW).

A G-2 report revealed that the CAW was formed in December, 1951, to sponsor cultural activities. As of May, 1954, the CAW was directed by Barbara Anderson who succeeded Leo Rabinovits. Anderson and Rabinovits were both identified as CP members. The CAW was infiltrated by CP members.

105-88522-1 encl.p.8

(61)

This reference pertained to information received from [redacted] on 10/1/54 that Robert J. Skolnik (140-6874) requested permission from Jerry Walter at the California Labor School to make a tape recording of a concert by Pete Seeger to be held on 10/1/54. Walter gave Skolnik permission to make the recording. Informant stated that Skolnik was a friend of David Allen of the KPIX-TV station staff in San Francisco. Allen and his wife were acquainted with Seeger.

Allen advised that he had known Seeger for twelve years as one of the great talents among the folk singers. He was sure that Seeger was dedicated to communism although he could not say he was a CP member. He reached this conclusion from the fact that Seeger was anxious to perform constantly for the benefit of organizations supported by the CP.

Various activities of Seeger from 10/1/53 to 10/13/54 were set out which indicated that he performed as singer and banjo player for affairs sponsored by the California Labor School and other CP front groups.

140-6874-2 p.1,1a,3-5,
(54) 10,11
SI 140-6874-1 p.1-3
(54)

On 3/2/55, Mr. Jerald F. Casey, Manager, Copenhaver, Inc., 1521 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., advised that the Hungarian Legation in Washington, DC, had ordered 500 invitations for a reception to be held at the Hungarian Legation on 4/4/55, in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Liberation of Hungary by the Soviet Army. One of the letters was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Seeger, Beacon, NY.

100-33752-181 p.7
(29)✓

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that about 1948 the Weavers Singing Group entertained at Camp Lakeland and Kinderland (subjects of 100-174599) on several occasions. He stated that he personally observed Peter Seeger, after entertaining the staff, hand out cards to join the CP.

[redacted] advised that Camp Kinderland and Camp Lakeland were adjacent to one another and were located at Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that he had learned in June, 1954 from an unknown individual that Seeger was the cultural chairman of the CP.

The 7/28/55 issue of "DW", page 7, column 1, contained an advertisement for Camp Lakeland which indicated that Pete Seeger and Leon Bibb would appear at the camp on 7/30 and 8/7/55.

[redacted] advised on two occasions in 1954 that he believed Leon Bibb who was on the Executive Board of Peoples Artists was a member of the CP as on August, 1954.

100-174599-32 p.15,18
(8,31)✓

The 8/16/55 Washington City News Service advised that on that date Elliott Sullivan testified before the HCUA, Washington, DC. Sullivan testified that he was entertainment director at Wingdale Lodge, Wingdale, NY. He admitted hiring folk singer Pete Seeger to entertain at Wingdale that summer.

61-7582-A Washington City News
(22)✓ Service, 8/16/55

On 9/12/55

[redacted] In this capacity he was associated with Pete Seeger who sang songs that were political in nature before various groups both subversive and otherwise. [redacted] stated that he was not in favor of those active in folk music who seemed to favor of those active in folk music who seemed to favor and support the CP.

[redacted] During September, 1955, [redacted] advised that Peter Seeger was head of a group known as the Song Swappers. The group appeared at various camps which included Buck's Rock Work Champ. Informant stated that Seeger sang songs favorable to Russia and seemed to be sympathetic toward the communist cause.

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that Buck's Rock Work Camp for Boys and Girls was in New Milford, Conn.

105-99278-14 p.7

(17)

SI 105-99278-9 p.3

(17)

[redacted] (protect identity), made available a letter dated 9/20/55, addressed to "Fellow members of AFTRA." The letter stated that during the week of August 15th a Congressional Committee conducted an investigation of the entertainment industry in New York.

The signers, which included Pete Seeger, had appeared before the Committee and challenged the right of the Committee to inquire into their beliefs and associations.

The letter stated that the NY Local Board of AFTRA,* on the basis of the resolution passed last month, could fine, censure, suspend or expel Seeger and others from their union. Letter set out.

Add. info.

100-138754-1097 p.6,8,18

(7,31)

[redacted] furnished a calendar for the 1955-1956 season for the Jewish Community of Cortlandt (JCC) (100-412925). The calendar was sent as an attachment to a letter from the JCC to its Members and Friends, dated 9/22/55. Also attached to this letter was a membership activity survey form for 1955 and 1956, which was sent to all the members. The form revealed that the JCC hoped that every member would join at least one committee of the JCC. List of committees was set out.

The above mentioned calendar revealed that on September 26, there would be an open house at Camp Rainbow, located on route 129, near Croton-on-Hudson, NY, and indicated that Pete Seeger would be in attendance.

Add. info.

100-412925-13 p.4,8
(60)

On 11/15/55, [redacted] (protect identity), advised that Thomas Henry Koger (100-33752) had been in contact with Mr. Peter Seegar, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY.

100-33752-171 p.2
(63)

By letter dated 7/27/56, the Albany Office enclosed a copy of the "Report Of The Joint Legislative Committee On Charitable And Philanthropic Agencies And Organizations; Communist Indoctrination And Training Of Children In Summer Camps." This was Legislative document 1956, #62, published by the New York State Legislature.

Information set out in the report revealed that it had been firmly established that once a communist gained a position of control in any phase of American life-even in a summer camp for children-he must, by the rigid rules which govern him, hire other communists and use the services of other communists as printers, caterers, entertainers, etc. In the field of entertainment, it was supervised and provided for the camps by such identifiable pro-communist directors, writers and performers, and protagonists as Paul Robeson, Elliot Sullivan, Howard DaSilva, Robert De Cormier, Peter Seeger, Morris Carnovsky, and others.

100-20222-30 encl.p.36
(6)

On 5/5/55, [redacted] advised that David Elsila, 15186 Sumner, Detroit 39, Mich. (100-422898) had attended a Pete Seeger Concert.

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that at an affair sponsored on 2/4/56, by the Labor Youth League, he overheard one of the officials in charge of the affair state that some teenager had indicated that Seeger was to play for Redford High School and that this teenager was editor of the high school paper at Redford.

On 2/28/56, [redacted] identified Elsila as being present at the 2/4/56 affair.

Assistant Principal Juhnke, Redford High School, advised that Elsila, while in attendance at the Redford Union High School, served as editor of the school paper, "Warhoop". He stated that Elsila had been almost solely responsible for securing the services of Seeger at a concert at Redford Union High School held on 2/13/56.

100-422898-1 p.5,6
(48)

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that the Youth Council of the St. Louis Branch of the NAACP decided to sponsor a concert by Pete Seeger on 3/18/56, in St. Louis, however, the Executive Board of the NAACP in St. Louis refused to approve such action in view of the fact that concerts by Seeger in the past, had been sponsored by communist front organizations. Subject of this reference was "Cominfil National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People"(61-3176).

61-3176-1581 p.6
(21)

The 5/1/56 issue of the American Legion publication "Firing Line" (100-418228) revealed that a publication entitled "Sing Out" which was published by People's Artists, Inc. of 124 West 21st St., NYC, was at that time on sale at communist bookshops. The volume listed Pete Seeger as a staff member. One of the songs in the book was "Two Negro Folksongs From The Georgia Sea Islands" by Seeger.

100-418228-18 p.3
(48)

Established Bureau informants and PSI's of the Chicago Office advised that John Alfred Rossen (61-10459) attended a concert celebrating the 39th anniversary of the founding of the USSR and the 23rd anniversary of the recognition of the USSR by the US Government. The concert was sponsored by the Chicago Council of American - Soviet Friendship (CCASF) and was held at Milda Hall, Chicago. Pete Seeger provided the music.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] advised that Rossen was present at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the CCASF held 11/26/56, at 189 West Madison St., Chicago. The forthcoming Pete Seeger concert, which was to be sponsored by the CCASF, was discussed. III

61-10459-131 p.11,13
(23)

On 9/13/56, [redacted] (protect identity) advised that he was interested in forming a folklore society and had ascertained that several persons were equally anxious in getting together to sing folk songs. He stated that at a social gathering at the home of Amos and Cleo Leavitt, Route 4, Bothell, Washington, on 9/8/56, he had an occasion to meet a "Spoofey" Mutch (William Gordon Mutch) and a Dorothy Loft (Dorothy Loft Cumming), who were professed folk singers. [redacted] stated that Loft spoke of assisting in the arrangements to have Pete Seegar appear in Seattle for a concert on 9/23/56. [redacted] stated that he had heard of the "left wing" tendencies of Seegar and placed some importance to the fact that Loft was working on behalf of Seegar.

In succeeding contacts with [redacted], it was learned that a Seattle Folk Music Society (SFMS) (100-425620) was formed and was to meet from time to time at Eagleston Hall (YMCA). He stated that Mutch and Loft attended the meetings regularly and that a Tom Hartnett was the main force back of the Society, and was assisted by a Mary Balmer as vice-chairman.

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On 11/15/56, Amos T. and Cleo Leavitt, 18114 - 94th, Bothell, Washington, advised that they had as a hobby the singing of ballad and folk songs. The Leavitts stated that sometime during the middle of August, 1956, they were visited by Bill Mutch and Dorothy Loft. The Leavitts recalled that both Mutch and Loft spoke in vague terms about a concert which would feature Pete Seegar. They stated that about a week after the initial visit, Loft contacted them, arranging to hold a "sing" at the Leavitt residence on 9/8/56. They stated that the sing fest was held on that date and after singing a few songs Mutch and Loft attempted to obtain their interest in helping to arrange the Pete Seegar concert.

On 4/4/57, Thomas P. Hartnett, 5269 - 17th Northeast, advised he was chairman of the SFMS. He stated that SFMS was actually formed at the Pete Seegar concert held in Seattle on 12/15/56.

100-425620-4 p.1-3

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The Hearst Magazine Division, The Hearst Corporation, NYC, furnished a three page leaflet dated 4/17/57, entitled "Digest of Current Communist Activities. "The leaflet revealed that Peter Seeger was one of the instructors at the Metropolitan Music School (100-140104) who had been identified in sworn testimony as a member of the CP. The HCUA had invited him to appear and deny the allegations under oath but he declined the invitation.

(Leaflet enclosed)

100-140104-13 encl.p.2

(7)

By letter dated 1/9/58, Robert L. Bell, Security Officer, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), Washington, DC, enclosed a form letter signed by Pete Seeger and a list of books and records available, which Mr. Robert S. Tiemann, an employee of NACA Headquarters, received from Sing Out, Inc., 80 East 11th St., New York 3, NY (100-426625). The form letter signed by Seeger referred to People's Songs as the predecessor of Sing Out.

Add. info.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-426625-9
(15149)✓

On 3/14/58, [] advised that Ludvik Cermak (105-60362) of the Czechoslovak Radio Network, told him that he, Cermak, had taught Pete Seeger how to sing a Czech folk song.

Add. info.

105-60362-14 p.4,5
(52)✓

[] advised that Harry Koger (100-33752) made arrangements in the Route 3, Longview, Texas, area for a folk singer named Pete Seeger of NYC to appear at the Mayflower School, Route 3, Longview, on 4/18/58. Informant advised that Seeger appeared at the school on 4/18/58, and gave a program of folk songs. Seeger, that evening, was observed in the company of Harry and Grace Koger.

On 4/16/58, [] advised that recent issues of the "National Guardian," contained advertisements that identified Seeger as a folk singer in NYC.

100-33752-196 p.5
(29)✓

ACSI report dated 5/8/58 revealed that a former professor of Eugene Conrad Glickman (100-427406) stated that Glickman was a member of the Folk Song Club of Queens College, Flushing, NY, which sponsored entertainers of leftist sympathies, among those being Pete Seeger. The report further revealed that Seeger had been described as a CP member.

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The report also revealed that a former classmate of Glickman at Queens College described Glickman's association with Seeger as being on a very personal basis.

100-427406-2 encl.p.2,3

(49)✓

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted]
(protect identity), furnished a letter dated 6/4/58, which she had obtained from Rev. John H. Morgan, Pastor of the First Unitarian Church, South Bend, Indiana, from Paul Pierre Endicoff (100-294372). The letter asked if there was any possibility of presenting Pete Seeger and Sonny Terry that fall? October 19th, 21st or 22nd. (no further details). Letter set out.

100-294372-46

(33)✓

Little Rock airtel dated 1/17/59, enclosed a copy of a report captioned, "Hearing Before The Special Education Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council," held 12/16-18/58, in the House Chamber, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, which was released by AG Bruce Bennett.

The report revealed that in an opening statement by Bennett, he made reference to a resolution which authorized the Special Education Committee to "conduct such hearings of subversion present in Arkansas which has encouraged racial unrest," and invited AG Bennett to conduct the interrogation of witnesses that might be called at such hearings. He also stated that such names as Pete Seegar might be mentioned in connection with subversion in the state of Arkansas. (No further information).

62-105198-8 encl.p.6

(56)✓

The 3/5/59 issue of the "Nashville Banner," Nashville, Tenn., page one, contained an article revealing that Arkansas AG Bruce Bennett had testified before a five-man Senate House Committee linking Pete Seeger and others either with the Highlander Folk School (61-7511) or Myles Horton, director and founder. The article stated that Seeger had taken part in Highlander activities and had been cited 66 times for subversive activities.

61-7511-A "Nashville Banner,"
(21)✓ 3/5/59

On 3/6/59, [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity), furnished a list of contributors to the Highlander Folk School (61-7511), obtained from records turned over to the Investigating Committee of the Tennessee State Legislature which was inquiring into activities of the School at Monteagle, Tenn., during the 1959 session of the Legislature. Informant stated that the information came from a list of contributors maintained by the Highlander Folk School. One of the names that appeared on the list was Pete Seeger, Box 328, Beacon, NY, with the comment "Guarantor". The word "Guarantor" indicated that the name was under a special section apparently made up of people who had guaranteed to contribute a certain amount periodically, however, this was not fully explained.

61-7511-250 encl.p.10
(21)✓

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Former [redacted] advised that on 3/21/59, Ernest Mazey had stated that no further meetings of the American Socialist Clubs formerly known as the Socialist Union of America, aka, Detroit Labor Forum (100-408387), were planned for that season, which ended 4/26/59, due to lack of funds. Mazey stated that the forum lost money on the return engagement of Pete Seeger.

On 9/28/59, former [redacted] advised that Mazey, 20574 Buffalo Ave., Detroit, Mich., was the Chairman of the Detroit Labor Forum (DLF).

On 7/27/59, former [redacted] advised that Mazey indicated that the DLF court action, which was actively supported by the Metropolitan Detroit Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, had compelled the Detroit Arts Commission to make its auditorium facilities available to all persons. He stated the commission had previously denied its facilities to folk singer Pete Seeger.

100-408387-325 p.5,7
(46)✓

The 10/19/59 issue of the "National Guardian," page 12, advertised folk songs by Pete Seeger. (Not further described).

Add. info.

100-367740-74 p.4
(42)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] advised that William Price attended a weekly open forum sponsored by the SWP on 10/23/59, NYC, at which he solicited the aid of the SWP for the Committee of First Amendment Defendants. The informant stated that from the information disclosed, the committee was formed by Peter Seeger, Price and others. Friends of the First Amendment is the subject of 100-434180.

100-434180-3 p.5
(16)

SI 100-432102-6 p.4,8,18,19
(15,50) Add.info. according to [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity and duplicate informant)

SI 100-432102-2
(15)

On 11/25/59, Mr. M.G. Lowman, 18 East 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that Pete Seeger had been a house guest of Frederick B. Sweet and his wife, Mary Ellen Sweet (100-364245), at 211 Woolper Ave., Cincinnati, during the previous weekend when Seeger had given a concert in Cincinnati. He further stated that Mary Ellen and her daughter, Marni, a student at the University of Cincinnati, reportedly sold 200 tickets at \$2.00 per ticket to the concert of Seeger. Lowman stated that he had learned that Seeger had been a house guest at the home of Mary Ellen Sweet through a girl friend named "De De" Stillwell, a student at the University of Cincinnati.

100-364245-9 p.3,4
(42)

ONI report dated 10/17/60, revealed that Ronald Keith Tauber (100-431215) had been mailed, but never received, a record album consisting of pro-union and anti-capitalistic songs sung by Pete Seeger.

100-431215-3 encl.p.2
(50)

Former [] advised that a Metropolitan Recreation Association (65-15377) meeting was held on 10/28/60 at the Central Plaza Annex, NYC. The informant stated that in the name of the Executive Board the Chairman, Gideon Rosenbluth, suggested that \$100.00 be given Pete Seeger and that a motion was passed at the meeting to make this donation of \$100.00 to Seeger. Informant advised that Rosenbluth stated that it was taken for granted that Seeger would forward the \$100.00 to his defense committee. (No further information).

65-15377-280 p.7,8
(23)

In January, 1961, Josiah P. Newcomb, Assistant to the President, Harpur College, Binghamton, NY, advised that a club called the "Progressive Socialist Society" was starting up again in 1961. He stated that the club was going to show a movie "Potemkin," and also a short film featuring a Peter Seegar. He stated that he had heard that Seegar, who was from Kingston, NY, possibly might be a "Leftist".

Progressive Socialist Society at Harpur College, State University of New York, Binghamton, New York is subject of 100-433234.

100-433234-7
(63)

The 4/2/61 issue of the "New York Times," page 66, contained an article captioned "3,500 Picket U.N.; Seek A-Bomb Ban." The article stated that about 3,500 persons gathered near the United Nations the day before in an Easter March for Peace that called for a ban on nuclear bomb tests. The meeting was sponsored by the Greater New York Council of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. The article further stated that an ovation was given to Pete Seeger, who was recently convicted in Federal Court of contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about alleged communist affiliations. "Cominfil The Greater New York Council For a Sane Nuclear Policy" is the subject of 100-432496.

100-432496-32 p.10
(50)
SI 100-432496-31 encl.p.1
(50)

By letter dated 4/18/61, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Harold Leventhal (100-388654) had been in contact with someone named "Pete" concerning the affairs of Paul Endicott. The informant suggested that "Pete" who was due to appear on trial in NYC on 3/27/61, was possibly identical with Peter Seeger. No further details.

100-388654-16
(13,44)

On 4/28/61, [redacted] (protect identity) advised that Sue Smith, 52 West 9th St., Apartment 3, NYC, was the girl friend of Peter Ackenberg (100-431845). Smith was closely associated with Frank Wilkinson, Field Secretary for the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee. Smith had recently met Pete Seeger through Wilkinson.

100-431845-3X encl.p.2
(50)

On 5/1/61, Bureau Agents observed the proceedings of a rally of the 1961 Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day, held at the intersection of Thompson Street and Washington Square South, NYC. At this rally, Miriam Friedlander called for "ayes" of the people at the demonstration to numerous resolutions which were adopted by voice vote. One of the resolutions adopted was "Enforce the Bill of Rights with the abolition of the HCUA, freeing Carl Barden, Frank Wilkinson and Pete Seegar.

[redacted] advised that as of 1/24/61, Friedlander was the Bronx County CP Organizer.

[redacted] advised that as of 2/1/61, Friedlander was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

100-434823-7 p.38
(60)

[redacted] advised that a meeting of the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (100-7046) was held 5/9/61 at 1025 1/2 Guerrero St., San Francisco, Calif. At this meeting it was voted that \$25.00 was to be sent to help Pete Seeger. (No further information).

100-7046-3170 p.5,6
(27)

[redacted] advised that a garden party and art festival sponsored by the Connecticut Committee for Social Action (CCSA) (100-436147) was held on 7/9/61, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Goldberg, 400 Fountain St., New Haven, Conn. Goldberg announced that the CCSA would give assistance to Pete Seeger and others, for a contempt citation.

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that a teller's check #W-11273, dated 7/21/61, was drawn against the CCSA account, in the amount of \$15, made payable to Pete Seeger.

100-436147-6 p.5,10,14
(51)

[redacted] advised that at a meeting of the Civil Liberties Committee on 8/31/61, in the apartment of Stanley Goodman, NYC, it was agreed that leaflets on the Pete Seeger affair be distributed at "The Worker" picnic on 9/17/61, and the "National Guardian" picnic on 9/16/61. That would be in addition to the usual distribution area of Washington Square, NYC.

[redacted] furnished a leaflet captioned, "For Pete's Sake!" which announced a meeting in behalf of Seeger on 9/29/61, sponsored by the CLC of the Burning Issues. Burning Issues is the subject of 100-435442.

[redacted] advised that a forum on Seeger was held on 9/29/61. A telegram was drafted and sent to President John F. Kennedy protesting Seeger's imprisonment and requested a pardon for him.

[redacted] advised that a meeting of the CLC was held 10/27/61. It was agreed that as an action group they would pursue the defense of Seeger.

[redacted] advised that at a CLC meeting 11/10/61, it was agreed that the committee draw up a petition in support of Seeger and get signatures on it.

[redacted] advised that at a membership meeting of Burning Issues (BI) held on 12/11/61, Goodman was elected Chairman of BI.

Add. info.

100-435442-7 p.25-27
(60)

[REDACTED]

Bulletin dated October, 1961, entitled "For Pete's Sake!" allegedly issued by friends of Pete Seeger, indicated the latter was out on \$2,000 bail and left for a concert tour of the British Isles on October 12 with his wife Toshi and youngest daughter. He would return to N.Y. toward the end of November.

100-1110-229 p.3
(27)✓

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED] advised that on 4/6/61, 10/12/61 and 12/28/61, Jeannette Wells Vincent (100-342084) and her husband, Craig Stephan Vincent were in contact with Peter Seeger, Dutchess Junction, New York, N.Y.

100-342084-130 p.5
(10)✓
SI 101-792-176 p.6
(16)✓ (Add.info.)

NY letter dated 1/30/62, revealed that on 1/29/62, the New Yorker Theater, showed 3 motion pictures which included a film by Philip and Michael Burton. The film solely depicted the home lives of the Pete Seeger family and others. The film was obviously an appeal for sympathy for the Seeger family and others, "persecuted" by the HCUA.

100-435173-22
(51)✓
SI 100-435173-21
(51)✓ ("NY Post," 1/16/62)

[REDACTED] advised that a folk song concert for the benefit of Pete Seegar was held on 2/3/62, at the Community Church, 40 East 35th St., NYC. A petition issued by Burning Issues (100-435442) in support of Seegar was distributed at the affair.

100-435442-10 p.27,28
(60)✓

The 3/13/62 issue of "The Worker," page 5, columns 3 and 4, contained an article entitled "Topical Singers Get Organized". The article stated that "Broadside," a rousing new group of singers who devoted themselves to "songs about our times" and "topical songs," had been formed. The group listed Pete Seeger as its advisor.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 4/30/62, [] made available a copy of "Broadside" # 2, dated March, 1962. Seeger was listed as one of the advisors.

100-437574-2
(52)✓

Early in April, 1962, [] advised that Isidore Gibby Needleman (100-341652) had told Herman Gerringer that Pete Seeger had expressed his willingness to provide the entertainment at a National Lawyer's Guild party. (No date). Needleman stated that he had to check with Seeger's agent to make sure there was no conflict of dates. Gerringer mentioned that Mary Kaufman would be willing to hold the party at her home.

Former [] advised that Gerringer was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the NYC Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild on 5/18/60.

The "DW" of 6/12/52, page 3, column 2, revealed that Kaufman was one of the defense attorneys in the case of 15 secondary CP leaders who were being prosecuted in the Southern District of New York under the conspiracy provisions of the Smith Act of 1940.

On 6/6/54, John Lautner, who testified in 1952 in the US District Court, Southern District of New York, in the case "United States versus Elizabeth Gurley Flynn; Etal," advised that Kaufman was known to him as a CP member.

Early in April, 1962, [] advised that Needleman advised Edward Perry that he had attended a session of the Appellate Court at which Paul Ross had argued the appeal for Seeger.

On 6/26/52, [] (protect identity), advised that Perry, 320 East 57th St., NYC, was listed as a subscriber to the Bail Fund of the CRC in the amount of \$100.00.

100-341652-954 p.18,53,92
(33)✓

On 6/7/62, [] advised that Peter Seeger had been requested to write a song for the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (100-436091). Song was set out.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-436091-137
(16)

On 8/30/62, [] advised that some young people were scheduled to go with Fred Blair to Racine, Wis., to the residence of Mag Nelson, to hear some tape recordings by Pete Seeger, but Tom Meisenheimer (100-436781) contacted Blair and told him he was unable to get a car for the night. As a result Blair told him to forget about it until the next week.

[] identified Blair as Wisconsin CP Chairman on 6/13/62.

Former [] advised during December, 1959 that Nelson was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin CP during the preceding month.

Add. info.

100-436781-13 p.3
(51)

[]
(protect identity), advised that at a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, which was held at the Americana Hotel, NYC, on 12/15/62, Rabbi Robert Eugene Goldberg (100-377415) was one of the principal speakers. During his speech Goldberg made reference to Pete Seeger in connection with his contempt of court citation before the HCUA. Speech set out.

100-377415-16 p.8
(59)

On 5/13/63, Commander G.W. Roberts, ONI, London, advised that a meeting sponsored by the Committee for Democratic Rights of the USA, was held in London on 3/22/63. He stated that a well-known British communist, Ewen Mac Coll, spoke and sang folk songs at the meeting. Mac Coll was married to Peggy Seegar, daughter* of the American folk singer, Pete Seegar. According to Commander Roberts, Mac Coll ridiculed efforts of the FBI to surveil his activities during a previous trip he made to the U.S.

105-113209-6
(61)✓

*Peggy Seegar is a half-sister to Pete Seegar.

The 5/22/63 issue of "The Daily Cardinal," a student campus organ at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., contained an article which stated that Martin Tandler, president of the Committee to Aid The Bloomington Students (100-440538) on the above campus, was donating money received from its newspaper sales to three students who were indicted by a special grand jury in Bloomington, Indiana on charges of advocating the violent overthrow of the US Government. In addition, proceeds from a concert given by Pete Seeger at Carnegie Hall in NYC would be given to help meet trial expenses.

100-440538-6 encl.p.5
(52)✓

The following references in the file captioned "CP, USA," contain information pertaining to the activities of Pete Seeger, a CP member.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-3-3009 p.108	(25)✓
3068 p.93	(4)✓
3351 p.6	(25)✓
100-3-1-392 p.16	(25)✓
748 p.55,56	(25)✓
100-3-4-4951	(25)✓
5055	(56)✓
5949 p.5	(4)✓
6517 encl.p.28	(25)✓
6665 p.92	(25)✓
6720 p.90	(4)✓
100-3-7-1240 encl.p.53,55	(4)✓(26)✓
1346 p.66	(4)✓
1626	(26)✓
100-3-9-1074	(26)✓
100-3-11-907 p.43	(56)✓
1080 p.33	(26)✓
100-3-14-A "DW" 8/8/49	(26)✓
100-3-23-1608 p.113	(26)✓
1617 p.127	(26)✓
1665 p.65	(26)✓
100-3-28-1072 p.73	(26)✓
100-3-38-95 p.29	(26)✓
100-3-39-507 p.13	(26)✓
100-3-47-1054 p.20	(56)✓
100-3-60-521 p.42	(5)✓
543	(65)✓

The following references in the file captioned "CP, USA," contain information pertaining to the CP activities of Pete Seeger in the categories as set out below:

REFERENCE NUMBER

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

Organization

100-3-69-4643
8395 p.6

(27)
(5)

Brief

100-3-74-3918 encl.p.1

(27)

Cultural Activities

100-3-90-227 p.3,4

(56)

100-3-90-A "DW" 5/4/59

(5)

A "The Worker" 4/16/63

(27)

The following references in Bureau file 100-15252 pertain to reports on the investigations of the committees of the California Legislature. Information regarding the CP front and related activities of Pete Seeger was included in this material on un-American activities.

REFERENCE NUMBER

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-15252-39 encl.p.437
41 encl.p.543,548

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(6)

The following references pertain to reports on investigations and/or hearings of Congressional Committees. Information regarding the CP or CP front activities of Pete Seeger was set out in testimonies of individuals and exhibits.

COMMITTEE	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
HCUA	61-7582-1866	encl.p.72 (22✓)
	2095	encl.p.2871 (3✓)
	2820	encl.p.1332 (22✓)
	2889	encl.p.2345, (2✓,3✓,20✓,22✓)
		2349,2355,
		2396,2447-
		2460
	3243	encl.p.4524 (22✓)
	3341	encl.p.37,40 (3✓)
		41
	3398	encl.p.179 (3✓)
	5362	encl.p.1480, (22✓)
		1487,1512
	A "Washington	Star" 8/10/55 (3✓)
	A "NY Herald	Tribune" 8/11/55 (3✓)
100-3-2192	encl.p.38,49,102, (4✓,25✓,56✓)	
	102,106,110	
100-3-72-1519	encl.p.7115, (5✓)	
	7320,7321	
100-140104-16	encl.p.668 (31✓)	
100-375988-54	encl.p.35 (43✓)	
100-391697-436	encl.p.5347, (44✓)	
	Part II	
100-436224-430	encl.p.1782 (51✓)	
SISS	61-7558-596	encl.p.301 (21✓)
	62-88217-21	part 2, encl. (56✓)
		p. 934
	677	encl.p.31,98 (3✓,23✓)
	775X1	encl.p.226 (3✓)
	1634	encl.p.116 (23✓)

The following references in the file captioned "Camp Webatuck, formerly known as Camp Calumet aka," 100-43795, contain information pertaining to the activities of Pete Seeger, an officer of the above camp.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-43795-65 p.9	(57)✓
136 p.1,3	(29)✓
138 p.2,3	(29)✓
139 p.2,3	(29)✓
A News Release, 2/28/63, King Features Syndicate, Inc.	(29)✓

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the file captioned "Jefferson School of Social Science" (JSSS), 100-227027. Information was set out that Seeger served in the capacity of a lecturer or instructor during the fall term, 1946, at the JSSS. Seeger also sang with the Jefferson School Chorus.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-227027-115 p.121	(8)✓
122 p.105	(8)✓
509 encl.p.5	(8)✓
541 encl.p.18	(8)✓
A "DW" 5/14/48	(8)✓

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the file captioned "Cominfil Radio - Television Industry," 100-340922. Information was set out that Seeger had been banned from some radio and television stations because of his CP activities.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-340922-83 p.35	(9)✓ 33✓
200 p.11,30	(9)✓
218 p.3	(33)✓
226 p.20,62	(9)✓
290 p.37	(33)✓
412 p.8	(9)✓
423 encl.p.18	(9)✓
480 p.3	(33)✓
482 p.4,46	(33)✓ 70✓
487 p.1,10-12,14	(33)✓
A "NY Journal American," 9/1/50	(57)✓

The following references in the file captioned "People's Songs, Incorporated," 100-346689, contain information pertaining to the activities of Pete Seeger, an officer in this organization:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-346689-2 p.2	(10)✓
3	(34)✓
4 p.3	(63)✓
7	(10)✓
8	(35)✓
12 p.2-5,8-13	(10,35)✓
13 p.2	(10)✓
14 p.1,3-7	(10,35)✓
18 p.4,12	(11,57)✓
19 encl.p.1	(35)✓
21 p.2,3,5,13,14	(11)✓
23 p.4,10	(11)✓
A "Washington Times Herald" 9/13/46	(11)✓
A "Chicago Star" 5/22/48	(35)✓
A "DW" 5/31/48	(11)✓
A "DW" 1/11/49	(35)✓
A "DW" 1/27/49	(35)✓
A "The Worker" 3/6/49	(35)✓
A "People's Daily World" 3/14/49	(35)✓
A "The Daily Compass" 9/20/50	(35)✓

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the main file captioned "Counterattack," (100-350512). Information was set out concerning the activities of Seeger, who entertained at affairs sponsored by CP or CP front groups. He was the founder of the quartet called "The Weavers" and director of the earlier musical front called "People's Songs." He was cited for contempt of Congress when he testified before the HCUA on 8/18/55, at Washington, D.C.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-350512-100 encl.p.4	(36)
227 encl.p.3,4	(36)
245 encl.p.2	(36)
312 encl.p.4	(36)
325 encl.p.4	(36)
355 encl.p.4	(36)
409 encl.p.3,4	(36)
432 encl.p.3	(36)
460 encl.p.3	(36)
597 encl.p.	(36)
607 encl.p.4	(37)
611 encl.p.1	(37)
624 encl.p.3	(37)
637 encl.p.3	(37)
657 encl.p.2,3	(37)
672 encl.p.1	(37)
694 encl.p.4	(37)
751 p.1	(37)

The following references in the file captioned "People's Artists, Inc.," 100-350776, contain information pertaining to the activities of Pete Seeger, an officer in this organization:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-350776-3 p.3,5,7,10	(11, 37)
4	(57)
9 p.4-6,8,11,12,16-20	(58, 63)
10 p.13	(37)
26 p.4	(37)
31 p.13	(11)
33 p.4,6-8,11,14	(38)
34	(38)
36 p.3,5,7,13,19	(38)
44 p.11,13,15,19-21,27	(38)
47 encl.p.10,11,34,39,40	(38)
50 p.2,5,8-12	(38)
51 p.4,9,10,12,13,22	(11, 38)
58 p.1,4,5,7,10	(11, 38)
65 p.2-4	(11)
A "DW" 9/5/49	(38)
A "DW" 4/22/55	(38)

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the main file of "The Music Room Corporation," 100-351609. The references set out information that the above Corporation was a retail outlet which maintained and produced phonograph records which were along communist lines. Included among the records maintained by the above Corporation were recordings by Pete Seeger. One of the records was a recording of the "Paul Robeson Peekskill Affair" in which Seeger took part. Transcription set out.

REFERENCE NUMBER

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-351609-1
4 p.21
13 p.8-11,15

(38)
(39)
(39)

The following references in the file captioned "Cominfil Progressive Party," 100-357934, contain information pertaining to the activities of Pete Seeger in connection with the PP which sponsored a concert tour for Seeger and other progressive artists.

REFERENCE NUMBER

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-357934-111 p.1;encl.p.1-3,4
120 p.40
229
288 p.24,27,30
777 p.75,286
1339 p.5

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(82)
(40)
(40)

The following references in the file captioned "Labor Youth League, 100-362555, contain information pertaining to the activities of Pete Seeger in connection with the above organization. He appeared as an entertainer at affairs sponsored by the Labor Youth League.

REFERENCE NUMBER

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-362555-36 p.15
661 p.13
1011 p.4
1504 p.7
2053 encl.p.3, Exhibit CC
2162 p.3

(41)
(41)
(41)
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(41)

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the file captioned "Cominfil First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 West Eighth St., Los Angeles, California," 100-411310. Information was set out that Seeger sang on numerous occasions at functions at the above mentioned church. He also sang at functions sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-411310-21 p.25,26,37,44	(47)✓
23 p.37,50	(47)✓
69 p.13,20	(47)✓
70 p.12,18,19	(47)✓
72 p.12,13,25	(47)✓

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the file captioned "Camp Woodland, Incorporated," 100-415589. Seeger appeared as an entertainer at numerous functions sponsored by the above camp.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-415589-2 encl.p.10,11	(14)✓(47)✓
6 p.6	(14)✓
11 p.7,8	(14)✓
23 p.5,6	(47)✓
24 p.5,6	(47)✓

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the file captioned "Civil Rights Congress," 61-10149. Information was set out that Seeger entertained at various affairs sponsored by the above organization covering the period from September, 1946 to September, 1949.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
61-10149-458 encl.p.1	(22)✓
465	(22)✓
466	(22)✓
1200	(3)✓
1445 encl.p.18	(55)✓
3894 encl.p.8	(55)✓

The following references set out information pertaining to Pete Seeger in connection with applicant or loyalty investigation of individuals as listed below. In these references allegations were made concerning the association of Seeger in subversive activities with the subject of the file. Detailed information regarding Seeger was set out which had been included in his main file and other references included in this summary.

SUBJECT	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Anna Casetta	NYC	138-2512-33 p.4,5, 7,8	(18)✓
Chester Spring Williams	Wichita, Kansas	138-4469-3 encl.p.1,2, 4 24	(18,53)✓ (53)✓

The following references on Pete Seeger, a folk singer and banjo player who participated in CP and CP front sponsored affairs, appear in the main files of the individuals listed below. Interviews of these individuals revealed that Seeger was a contact, associate or acquaintance of these individuals. Background data and information was set out which has been covered in his main file.

INDIVIDUAL	SOURCE	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Irving Berman	FBI	100-395467-5 p.5	(80)✓
Elmer Alan Bernstein	FBI	100-398307-14 p.5	(13)✓
Henry S. Breitrose	FBI	100-410343-9 p.4	(46)✓
Edward Harvey Bronstein	OSI	100-358755-8 p.4	(40)✓
Thomas Burgoon	FBI	100-355234-37 p.8	(12)✓

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INDIVIDUAL	SOURCE	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Gladys Bushkin	FBI	100-398700-8 p.2,3	(63)✓
Joseph Paul Katzberg	OSI	100-408498-1 encl.p.3	(14)✓✓
Marshall Kolin	FBI	100-403524-4 p.1,2	(46)✓
Walter Browne McGhee	FBI	100-405703-5 p.2	(63)✓
Sylvester Gregory Paschal	FBI	100-396680-8 p.5	(59)✓
Jean-Pierre Alexander Radley	OSI, USAF	100-430318-1 encl.p. 3,9-11 2 encl.p. 1,3,4	(15,49)✓ (15)✓
Charles Lenon Riley	FBI	100-363995-16 p.2	(58)✓
Sidney Rubinstein	FBI	100-409585-6 p.9	(82)✓
Saunders Terry	FBI	100-420094-2 p.3	(15)✓
Charity Melcher Travis	ONI	121-40010-18 encl.3,6	(18,61)✓
Stephen R. Werdenschlag	FBI	62-102049-2 p.2	(23)✓
Joshua Daniel White	FBI	100-352597-36 p.23	(12)✓

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the main file of Oscar Brand, 100-370969. The references set out information that Seeger and Brand entertained at various CP or CP front affairs.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-370969-1 encl.p.1	(43)✓
3 p.10	(59)✓
4 p.4	(13)✓
9 p.3	(43)✓
12 p.2	(43)✓

The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the main file of Alfred Sarant, 65-59242. Information was set out that during an interview on 7/19/50, Sarant executed a waiver authorizing a search of his home at Cayaga Heights Road, R.D. #1, Ithaca, NY. Among the things located was a small address book containing names, addresses and telephone numbers of individuals who resided in the NY area. One of the names that appeared in the address book was Seeger, GR 5-8890. Sarant stated that he believed it referred to Pete Seeger, a banjo player, whose wife went to school with his, Sarant's wife, Louise Sarant.

Background information was set out on Seeger which is covered in his main file or other references in this summary.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
65-59242-10 p.10	(24)✓
77 encl.p.117	(24)✓
141	(24)✓
291 p.148	(4,24)✓
371 p.59,61	(24)✓
565 p.12,24	(4,24)✓
626 p.8	(24)✓

The following references pertained to the events at which Pete Seeger appeared or was scheduled to appear as an entertainer or participant.

EVENT or SPONSOR	CITY	DATE	REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
CP National Defense Fund Drive	Phila- delphia	1/22/48	100-355028-3 p. 7	(58)✓
Samuel Adams School for Social Studies	Boston, <u>Mass.</u>	2/28/47	100-336131-10 p. 10	(57)✓
Albany Movement on the Racial Situation	Albany, <u>Ga.</u>	10/10/62; 10/11/62	157-6-2-901 905 encl.p. 1,2	(54)✓ (19)✓
All-Nations Harvest Festival	Pittsburgh, <u>Pa.</u>	11/13/55	100-21374-42 p. 16 100-387220-14 p. 17 100-391805-16 p. 8;1 100-396964-22 p. 10	(28)✓ (44)✓ (44)✓ (45)✓
American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born	NYC	3/3/49	100-7046-A "DW" 3/1/49	(27)✓
American Folksay Group		3/10/49 3/5/50	61-777-923 p. 9	(2)✓
American Labor Party	Monroe, NY	6/13/54	100-25869-A "DW" 6/9/54	(28)✓
American Labor Party and the New York State Wallace for President Committee	NYC	9/9/48	100-25869-A "DW" 8/24/48	(6)✓
American Peace Crusade	Chicago, Ill.	3/31/56	100-377391-A "DW" 4/7/54	(43)✓

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American Youth Congress	Washington, DC	2/7/41	101-1642-5	(16)✓
		2/8/41	p. 4 100-3587-105	(5)✓
		2/7-9/41	p. 3,42 100-346274-2 (Add.info. according to records of the Chicago Office)	(10)✓
American Youth for Democracy	Detroit, Mich.	9/20, 21/46	61-777-15-312 p. 7	(20)✓
	Brooklyn, NY	11/21/46	61-777-34-A "DW" 11/2/46	(21)✓
Bronx County American Labor Party	NYC	8/31/49	100-364421-36 p. 2	(82)✓
Brooklyn Community School, Inc.	Brooklyn, NY	2/4/55	61-9348-72 p. 7	(22)✓
Brooklyn Council of Peace Groups		6/28/61	97-4196-34-46 encl.p. 3	(25)✓
Brooklyn Professional Committee to Win the Peace		5/6/46	100-344437-57 p. 24	(34)✓
California Labor School	San Francisco, Calif.	10/2,354	100-79512-179 p. 12,13	(30)✓
		10/6/56	100-352146-30 p. 5	(39)✓
Celebration in honor of Paul Robeson	NYC	5/26/54	100-10123-489 encl.p. 1	(28)✓

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Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship	Chicago, Ill.	5/18/56	61-10459-130 p. 12	(23)✓
			100-146964-2198	(31)✓
			encl.p. 1	
		10/9/56	100-429401-7 p. 7	(60)✓
		11/10/56	100-23694-549 encl.p. 8	(28)✓
			100-146964-2249 p. 10	(31)✓
Chicago Sobell Committee		2/19/56	100-387835-1362 p. 8,9	(44)✓
Committee for Progressive Jewish Education	Cleveland, Ohio	11/13/59	100-414987-10 p. 11	(47)✓
Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy	NYC	6/15/49	61-6580-133 p. 2	(21)✓
			100-24628-2696 p. 2	(56)✓
			100-64700-684 encl.p. 129,134, 323	(30)✓
			100-343301-123 p. 2	(34)✓
			138 p. 128	(34)✓
Committee of First Amendment Defendants		11/15/59	100-432102-A "The Worker," 11/15/59	(50)✓
Committee to Aid Monroe Defendants		4/29/62	100-436091-112 encl.p. 1,3	(51)✓
Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport		5/26/54	100-411193-1 6 p. 8,9	(46)✓ (46)✓

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Community Club of Weston, Vermont	Weston, <u>Vt.</u>	7/8/56	65-30623-165 p.4	(24)✓
Continuations Committee of the World Congress on General Disarmament and Peace	San Francisco, Calif.	5/7/63	100-361031-854 p.2 100-440453-2	(41)✓ (52)✓
Creative Arts Workshop	Boston, Mass.	11/14, 15/53	100-397389-4 p.4,5	(45)✓
Denver Forum	Denver, <u>Colo.</u>	5/13/61	100-246504-55 p.2	(32)✓
Detroit Labor Forum	Detroit, Mich.	10/18/58; 11/30/58	100-343114-18 p.2,3 100-379473-13 p.3 100-343307-29 p.2 100-398160-14 p.2	(34)✓ (43)✓ (34)✓ (45)✓
Emergency Civil Liberties Committee	NYC	6/14/62	157-6-2-905 enc1.p.1,2	(19)✓
Essex Arts Club	Newark, <u>N.J.</u>	6/25/55	100-421222-1 p.2,3	(48)✓
Folk Arts Club	Madison, <u>Wis.</u>	11/17/56	100-422923-4 p.3,7	(48)✓
For the benefit of American Relief for Greek Democracy	NYC	4/27/47	100-346115-17 p. 18	(10)✓
Free and Equal Hootenanny		1/28, 29/49; 12/9/49	100-384365-4 p.4-7	(13,44)✓

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Friends of the Guardian ("National Guardian")	Portland, Oregon	4/12/54	100-51965-28	(30)✓
			p. 2	
			100-261886-47	(32)✓
			p. 3	
Friendship for Yugoslavia	NYC	10/24/46	100-212169-489	(32)✓
			p. 4	
			594	(32)✓
			p. 153	
Greater New York Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy		8/6/60	100-432496-16	(50)✓
			encl.p. 4	
			19	(50)✓
			p. 4	
Highlander Folk School Seminar	Monteagle, Tenn.	8/30/57-	61-3176-2281	(21)✓
		9/2/57	encl.p. 20,21	
			100-100123-33	(30)✓
			p. 20	
		8/31/57-	61-7511-200	(21)✓
		9/2/57	203	(55)✓
		p. 2		
IWO	Homestead, Pa.	1/19/47	61-7341-39-86	(21)✓
	Cincinnati, Ohio	1/21/47	61-7341-10-39	(21)✓
Independent Progressive Party	Berkeley, Calif.	4/10/54	101-6978-23	(7)✓
			p. 4	
Jefferson School	Washington, DC	1/31/46	100-24699-112	(6)✓
			p. 11	
Jefferson School of the Washington Bookshop		1/18/46	100-166675-21	(8)✓
			p. 2	

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Jewish Young Folk Singers	Brooklyn, NY	5/21/55	100-404912-27 p. 4,5,7	(46,59)
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee	NYC	3/13/49 4/4/49	100-7061-1943 p. 29,30	(56)
Labor and Progressive Movement		7/8/49	100-365023-28 p. 12	(42)
Labor Youth League	Madison, Wis. (University of Wisconsin)	1955	140-22441-2 p. 2,3	(54)
		3/26/56	100-366732-9 p. 2	(58)
			100-399680-13 p. 16	(45)
			100-421337-7 p. 6	(48)
			11	(48)
			p. 4,5	
			100-422026-4	(48)
			p. 1,2	
			100-422923-4	(48)
			p. 3,7	
			100-423044-1	(48)
			100-423770-3 p. 7	(49)
		Prior to June, 1956	100-430934-4 encl. p. 2	(49)
	NYC	February, 1954	100-211995-32 p. 9,10	(32)
		4/30/55	100-404912-27 p. 4,5,7	(46,59)

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Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union; Retail Whole- sale and Department Store Union	NYC	3/5/61	100-415473-40 p. 17,18 (Add.info.)	(47)✓
May Day Celebration		5/1/53	100-16912-251 p. 2	(28)✓
May Day Rally		4/29/55	100-16912-335 p. 13	(28)✓
Mid-Hudson Peace Council	Pough- keepsie, NY	7/26/52; August, 1952; 8/15/53	100-416276-7 encl.p. 14,15,20	(48)✓
Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born	Chicago, Ill.	11/12/55	100-7046-2135 encl.p. 1	(27)✓
Milwaukee Folk Arts Club	Milwaukee,	3/24/56 11/20/56	100-396984-14 p. 4	(13,45)✓
Modern Teens	Chicago, Ill.	8/10/58	100-429401-7 p. 7	(60)✓
Mother Bloor's 87th Birthday	Pennsylvania	7/8/49	61-155-A "DW" 7/8/49	(20)✓
National Conference on American Policy in Greece	NYC	6/5/48	105-600-192 p. 57	(16)✓
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.		11/8/60	100-146964-A "The Worker" 11/6/60	(31)✓

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National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions	St. Louis, Mo.	4/12/49	100-356137-535 p. 3	(39)✓
	NYC	9/27/53	100-356137-942 947 1012 p. 15,77 100-356137-A "DW" 9/25/53	(39)✓ (12)✓ (39)✓ (39)✓
National Federation of Labor Youth	Vancouver, <u>British</u> <u>Columbia</u>	10/6/54	64-200-243-764 p. 3	(23)✓
National Guardian	Highland Park, Ill.	4/4/54	100-357044-257 encl.p. 20	(12)✓
	Berkeley, Calif.	11/1/55	100-357044-240 p. 4	(40)✓
	NYC	4/17/56	100-357044-246 p. 11,28	(40)✓
National Labor Conference for Peace	Chicago, Ill.	10/1,2/49	100-363436-67 p. 1,9	(42)✓
National Lawyers Guild	NYC	2/23/57	100-7321-A "NY World Telegram" 2/22/57	(27)✓
National Negro Labor Council	St. Louis, Mo.	4/11/53	100-273209-20 p. 10	(32)✓
Neighborhood Folk Chorus		4/10/53	100-273209-20 p. 10 100-398036-4 p. 28 100-400439-3 p. 2	(32)✓ (45)✓ (45)✓

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New Left Club	Chapel Hill, <u>N.C.</u>	12/5/62	100-437638-12 p. 15	(52)✓
New York Committee to Win the Peace	NYC	6/29/46	100-344437-32 p. 8	(34)✓
New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee		2/1/62	100-433447-A "National Guardian" 1/22/62	(50)✓
New York Solidarity Committee for Hazard*Miners		1/24/63	100-437041-83 encl.p. 2 97 p. 19,20,49,50	(51)✓ (51)✓
Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born	Berkeley, Calif.	11/14/57	100-7046-2723 p. 3,8	(27)✓
Ohio State Fair	Columbus, Ohio	8/24/51	100-383812-2	(13)✓
Parents Committee for Jewish Education	Cleveland, Ohio	11/13/59	100-398637-385 p. 8	(59)✓
People's Artists "Dance-A-Around"	NYC	1/14/55	100-358450-47 p. 5	(40)✓
People's Songs		3/7/49	62-68272-A "DW" 3/7/49	(23)✓
	<u>Albuq- uerque, New Mexico</u>	5/21/48	100-342084-12 p. 2	(34)✓
Peoples Songs Picnic Hootenanny	NYC	6/19/47	100-367699-5 p. 3	(42)✓

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Philadelphia Committee to Aid the Smith Act Victims	Phila- delphia, Pa.	12/18/55	100-407517-3 4	(46)✓ (46)✓
Committee of the Philadelphia Smith Act Defendants			100-407389-9 p. 6	(60)✓
The Photo League	NYC	8/11/47	100-114718-9	(79)✓
Photo League		11/20/49	100-384365-4 p. 4-7	(13,44)✓
Progressive Citizens of America	Chicago, Ill.	10/10/47	100-338892-A "Chicago Star," 9/27/47	(9)✓
	Cincinnati, Ohio	3/12/48	100-359982-2 p. 5	(58)✓
		3/13/48	100-325069-18 p. 20	(57)✓
Progressive Party	Portland, Oregon	About 1948; 1948	100-261886-47 p. 3 100-51965-28 p. 2	(32)✓ (30)✓
	Cincinnati, Ohio	4/16/49	100-349190-10 p. 22	(35)✓
		1/11/51	100-344081-57 p. 9	(57)✓
		1/15/51	100-32487-55 p. 10	(29)✓
	Columbus, Ohio	1/9/51	100-238370-14 p. 22	(32)✓
	St. Louis, Mo.	1/12/51	100-376269-2	(43)✓

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Rally to Abolish the HCUA	NYC	4/21/61	157-6-41-213 encl.p. 2	(54)✓
Robeson Rally	Peekskill, NY	9/5/49	100-364421-3	(42)✓
Rosenberg-Sobell Rally	NYC	9/16/53	100-387835-825 p. 4	(44)✓
San Francisco Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms	San Francisco, Calif.	5/12/61	100-387548-367 p. 1,4,6	(44)✓
Seventh World Youth Festival	Vienna, Austria (and other parts of Europe)	Summer of 1959	100-428009-220 p. 3	(49)✓
Socialist Discussion Club	Yellow Springs, Ohio	1954; 1955	105-53775-6 p. 2	(52)✓
Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee	Atlanta, Ga.	11/11/62	157-275-A "The Atlanta Constitution," 11/12/62	(54)✓
Student Peace Union	Columbus, Ohio	4/7/62	100-434591-30 encl.p. 1,2,4	(50)✓
Students for Peace	Ithaca, NY	12/6/54	100-405689-12 Changed to: 100-410145-10 p. 1-3,7	(14)✓
Trade Union Committee for 1959 May Day Celebration	NYC	5/2/59	100-430322-A "National Guardian," 4/20/59	(49)✓

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U.S. Committee for Cooperation With the Japan Council Against A & H Bombs (No more Hiroshimas)	<u>Japan</u>	Summer, 1962	100-435680-A "New York Journal-American" 3/3/62	(51)✓
U.S. Festival Committee for the 4th World Festival of Youth and Students, American Youth Peace Crusade	NYC	7/2/53	100-185087-370 encl.p. 3 100-185087-399 p. 8	(32)✓ (32)✓
United States Festival Committee		4/25/62	100-436225-140 p. 11 100-436225-A "National Guardian," 4/16/52	(51)✓ (51)✓
Utah Council for Constitutional Liberties	Salt Lake City, <u>Utah</u>	10/9/56	100-418955-25 122-1721-15 p. 2	(48)✓ (53)✓
Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade	NYC	2/25/62	100-7060-1449 p. 4,5	(27)✓
Wallace for President Club	Birming- ham, <u>Alabama</u>	2/25/48	100-54899-35 p. 4	(30)✓
Henry Wallace Rally	NYC	9/13/48	62-71788-A "DW" 9/13/48	(3)✓
Women's Committee of the Hollowbrook Lake Association	Westchester County, NY	8/13/49	100-413383-1 p. 40,41	(47)✓

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Young Folk Artists	Detroit, Mich.	4/9/55	100-92730-24 p. 5	(30)✓
			100-343253-16 p. 5	(34)✓
			100-358392-15 p. 9	(40)✓
			100-404588-11 p. 10	(46)✓
			105-49788-3 p. 4	(52)✓
Young Progressives of America	NYC	10/21/48	100-359192-25 p. 34,41	(41)✓
		9/29/49	100-352597-4 p. 12	(12)✓
Young Progressive Citizens of America	Washington, DC	6/15- 16/47	100-349050-13 p. 8	(35)✓
	Cleveland, Ohio	11/24- 27/49	100-359192-139 p. 1L	(41)✓
Unidentified	Denver, Colo.	4/25/58 4/26/58	105-59894-13 p. 15-18,19	(17,52)✓
	Madison, Wis.	11/20/58	100-399680-26 p. 5	(59)✓
	NYC	August, 1949	100-364436-1	(42)✓
		11/12/55	100-397122-13 p. 9,10	(45)✓
	San Francisco, Calif.	3/2/62	39-915-3559 p. 7	(20)✓
	Seattle, Wash.	10/4/54	100-65377-37 p. 10	(30)✓
			100-80329-26 p. 4	(30)✓
			100-211995-32 p. 9,10	(32)✓
			100-391897-12 p. 9	(45)✓

The following references are reports furnished by Bureau informants as set out below concerning the activities of Pete Seeger. He was scheduled to appear as an entertainer or participant at an SWP affair and a meeting at which Henry Wallace, PP candidate, was to speak.

INFORMANT	LOCALITY	DATE of REPORT	REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
<div></div>	Detroit, Michigan	10/20/58	<div></div>	(53)✓
	Toledo, Ohio	9/21/48	100-357410-8	(58)✓

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Pete Seeger, located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Files and Communications Division, Records Branch, were not reviewed:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-129861-538	(31)✓
105-67845-6161	(53)✓
105-115728-60 encl.p. 11	(53)✓

See the search slip filed behind file for references on this subject which were tesur logs, and therefore were not abstracted.

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 4/30/64

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FROM : Legat, London (100-2101) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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OO: New York

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There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a CONFIDENTIAL classification by

[redacted] is designated as T-1 in the enclosure.

As subject has left the U.K. and there are no further leads outstanding, this case is being placed in a RUC status.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 30, 1964

PETER SEEGER

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on April 28, 1964, that subject arrived in England in mid-February, 1964, and appeared on television in London on February 23, 1964, at which time he sang various folk songs, some of which could be construed as "Left-inspired".

T-1 stated subject departed England for Europe on March 2, 1964.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE APR 13 1964	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/27 - 4/6/64
TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. BOWE	TYPED BY np
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

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Report of SA C. RICHARD STRAUCH dated 4/10/63,
at New York.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A copy of this report is not being disseminated to the USA, SDNY, in view of the fact that the case against the subject for contempt of Congress has been closed. The USA, SDNY, by letter dated 5/13/63, returned previous copies of reports on this subject to the NYO.

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

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This case is being maintained in a P* status in view of the fact the subject is currently traveling outside the US.

The pretext call to the subject's booking agent, Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th Street, NY, NY, on 7/24/63, was conducted by SA JOSEPH E. MORAN, on 7/24/63, No identification was necessary for this call.

The pretext call to the subject's booking agent on 4/3/64, was made by SA ROBERT E. BOWE to determine the subject's current residence and employment. No identification was necessary as the information was freely given by an unknown female answering the telephone.

Information furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] concerning the subject's travel plans, has been paraphrased in this report and [redacted] has been concealed by a T symbol in order to protect this source.

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In addition to the information regarding the subject's passport set forth in the attached report, a review of the subject's file at the Passport Office, US Department of State, on 7/29/63, by IC JAMES W. MURRAY also reflected the following:

PETER SEEGER's passport file reflects that on April 18, 1960, Mr. LEONARD B. BOUDIN, NY Attorney, telephoned Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Chief Consul, Legal Division, Passport Office, and inquired about the extension of subject's Passport Number 1780911, issued on 9/8/59, it being noted that it had been limited for one year or until 10/10/59, because subject was out on bail - contempt of Congress charge. Mr. BOUDIN stated that the passport had been issued after subject had obtained court permission to leave its jurisdiction, and he wanted to know if the restriction could be removed entirely.

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By letter dated 4/20/60, Mr. JOHNSON advised Mr. BOUDIN as follows: "...I believe that to delete the time limitation placed in Mr. SEEGER's passport in accordance with Judge HERLAND's order you should submit a certified copy of an order vacating or modifying the restriction against his leaving the jurisdiction of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Upon receipt of this order we can take appropriate steps to extend the passport."

On 4/20/60, Mr. BOUDIN forwarded subject's passport to Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, DC, requesting that "the passport now be extended for the full statutory period of three years from September 8, 1959, and that the special limitation be removed from the passport."

On 5/5/60, Mr. JOHNSON again directed a letter to Mr. BOUDIN, advising him to "submit the order and we will remove the time limitation."

The next piece of correspondence in file is a letter dated 9/8/61, from Mr. BOUDIN to Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, which reads as follows:

"Dear Miss KNIGHT:

Some time ago I believe that we deposited with your office the passport of PETER SEEGER with the understanding that it would be returned and validated for travel whenever the court permitted such travel in the light of the indictment and pending appeal in Mr. SEEGER's case.

We are now in receipt from Mr. SEEGER's counsel, Wolf, Popper, Ross, Wolf & Jones, Esqs., of a motion made in the Court of Appeals granting Mr. SEEGER leave to leave the jurisdiction of the Southern District of New York and to travel to Europe, and of a letter from Mr. SEEGER's attorneys indicating that the motion was granted subject to the condition precedent that Mr. SEEGER appear upon notice.

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"Would you be good enough to return to us Mr. SEEGER's passport validating it for travel up to and including November 25, 1961."

On 9/9/61, Mr. JOHNSON directed a letter to Mr. BOUDIN advising him that inasmuch as subject's passport was originally issued on 9/9/59, it had expired and it would be necessary for subject to execute a renewal application.

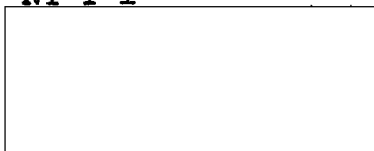
On 9/21/61, subject executed the renewal form indicating that he desired to travel to the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales) and the Netherlands for a five-week business trip. He indicated that he would depart from the Port of Montreal, Canada, by ship on October 13, 1961. He was scheduled to return by air. He listed his wife, residing at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, as the person to be notified in the event of death or accident. He listed his permanent residence and mailing address as being the same as his wife's. He advised that he had made "a dozen or more short trips - several days each - United Kingdom" from 9/20/59 to 10/9/59.

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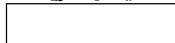
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Negative Contacts With Informants

The listed informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area advised the indicated agents, on the dates set forth, they have no current subversive information pertainint to the subject:

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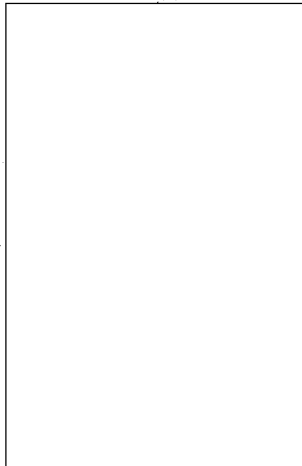
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 SA PAUL T. BAKER
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 SA SEBASTIAN S. MIGNOSA
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 SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY
 SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY
 SA JOHN A. HAAG
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 SA JOHN B. COULTON

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will continue to follow and report the subject's travel outside the US and will verify his return to the US in June, 1964.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) _____

information furnished by NY T-2 through NY T-7 may reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and, thereby, compromise their future effectiveness which would be injurious to the national defense.

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____

of his status as a prominent figure in the entertainment field coupled with his activity on behalf of Communist fronts indicates nothing of value would be obtained through an interview, and such interview could be potentially embarrassing to the Bureau. Also the subject has been out of the US since August, 1963.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____

on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, Jr., 2/19/58 at NY). On 4/30/53, former [redacted] (cont'd)

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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who has furnished reliable information in the past identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58 at NY).

On 2/12/60, [] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY).

On 4/30/62, [] advised SEEGER attended a concert at 253 W. 73rd St., NY, NY, sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which concert was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for Soviet - American Friendship, held at 60th St. and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be travelling through southern part of the US giving a series of concerts.

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On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from September, 1955 until September, 1962, made available a letter dated 12/7/62 in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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Report of: ROBERT E. BOWE

Office: New York, New York

Date: APR 13 1964

Field Office File #: 100-83801

Bureau File #: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

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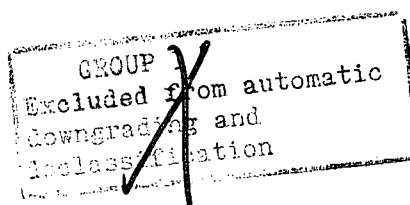
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Synopsis:

PETER SEEGER's permanent address is Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and he is self-employed as an entertainer, singer of folk songs and banjo player. Subject is currently on a world concert tour as an entertainer. Case against subject for contempt of Congress closed. Subject, in September, 1963, was music advisor for Camp Webatuck, Lake Ellis, Wingdale, NY. Subject's name in the possession of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights in June, 1963. Subject was author of article in "Mainstream" in August, 1963. Informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area were contacted in March, 1964, but could furnish no current subversive information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

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Residence

By means of a pretext conducted on April 3, 1964, by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was determined that PETER SEEGER maintains Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York, and resides in Dutchess Junction, New York, which is located just outside the City of Beacon, New York.

Employment

By means of a pretext conducted on April 3, 1964, by an SA of the FBI, it was determined that the subject is self-employed as an entertainer, singer of folk songs and banjo player. It was also learned that SEEGER is currently on a world concert tour and will return to the United States in about June, 1964.

Travel Abroad

On May 23, 1963, NY T-1 advised that the subject, in May, 1963, indicated that he planned to travel abroad for ten months beginning in August, 1963, and would visit the following countries:

Australia
Japan
India
Africa
Israel
Italy
France
Greece
Poland
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Sweden
Russia
Holland
Great Britain
Denmark

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On July 24, 1963, by means of a pretext ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ conducted by an SA of the FBI, it was determined that the subject was scheduled to depart from San Francisco, California on or about August 19, 1963, on a world concert tour with the first stop planned for Honolulu, Hawaii on August 20 or 21, 1963.

On July 31, 1963, NY T-2 advised that the subject had the following proposed itinerary for his world concert tour:

August - West Coast, Canada, Hawaii

September - Australia

October - Indonesia and Japan

November - Japan and India

December - Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Nigeria,
Ghana and Guinea

January - Israel and Italy

February - Great Britain and Scandinavian countries

March - Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland

April - Poland and Czechoslovakia

May - Russia

June - Return to New York via London

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Hawaii

The August 21, 1963 edition of the "Honolulu Advertiser", a daily newspaper of Honolulu, reported that PETE SEEGER, the folk singer, had arrived in Honolulu the day previous on a trip that would cover some 22 countries in ten months. The article noted that SEEGER would give concerts at the Orvis Auditorium at the University of Hawaii, on August 22 and 24, 1963, and after a five day stay, would move on to Western Samoa and then across the Pacific. The article related that SEEGER was accompanied by his wife and their three children.

Australia

The September 25, 1963 edition of "Variety", a show business weekly publication, on Page 1, contained an article datelined Melbourne, Australia, September 24, 1963, which reflected that the subject had appeared at Melbourne, Australia's Town Hall on September 12 and 16, 1963. This article stated that SEEGER was well received by those interested in folk singing and SEEGER had been mixing with Australian folk singers, giving lectures, demonstrations and concerts. SEEGER was described as one of "the best unofficial ambassadors for America ever to come Down Under".

Indonesia and Japan

The November 13, 1963 edition of "Variety", mentioned above, contained an article which reflected that PETER SEEGER, as of that time, had arrived in Japan for a six week concert tour. The article also stated that SEEGER had arrived in Japan after spending ten days in Indonesia as guest of the Minister of Education. SEEGER is scheduled to travel to India following his concert tour in Japan.

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Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt and Israel

The January 15, 1964 edition of "Variety", mentioned above, contained an advertisement regarding PETE SEEGER, which reflected that SEEGER, as of that time, was on a world-wide concert tour, and in January, 1964, would be appearing in Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt and Israel.

England

The November 13, 1963 edition of "Variety", mentioned above, contained an article reflecting that SEEGER's booking agent had returned the week previous from a trip to England, where he had made arrangements for the subject to appear in England. The article reflected that SEEGER is scheduled to appear in Manchester, England on February 22, 1964, the Royal Festival Hall, London, February 29, 1964, and will appear on the "Sunday Night at the Palladium TV Show" on February 23, 1964. The article also noted that SEEGER will be doing "TV" in Amsterdam, Brussels and Luxembourg.

Italy and Israel

On February 19, 1964, NY T-3 advised that the subject, while in Rome, Italy, resided at the Hotel Parioli from January 11, 1964 to January 19, 1964. On January 19, 1964, the subject departed for Tel Aviv, Israel. (S)

NY T-3 further advised that the subject returned to Rome, Italy, from Tel Aviv, Israel, on February 3, 1964, and resided at the Hotel Parioli, Rome. On February 6, 1964, the subject departed from the Fiumicino Airport, Rome, en route to Vienna, Austria. (S)

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The March 31, 1964 edition of the "Poughkeepsie Journal", a Poughkeepsie, New York daily newspaper, contained an article datelined Warsaw (Associated Press), which reflected that the subject had arrived in Poland on that date, but had lost his voice due to having exhausted his vocal cords giving eleven performances during the previous eight days in Czechoslovakia. The article reflected that SEEGER whispered to 35 Polish writers at a news conference.

The file maintained for the subject at the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reviewed by IC JAMES W. MURRAY on July 29, 1963, contained the following information:

Passport Number D453486 was issued to PETER SEEGER on June 17, 1963. It is not valid for travel to Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under Communist control. It will expire June 16, 1966, and may be renewed for two years.

Application for passport was dated May 22, 1963, at Poughkeepsie, New York, and contained following information as indicated by subject:

His parents were shown as: 15130 EARLHAM ROAD
~~MRS. MAS~~ PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIF.
 Father: CHARLES LEWIS SEEGER, born November 14, 1886, at Mexico City, Mexico.
 Mother: CONSTANCE DECLYVVER EDSON, born November 28, 1886, at Denver, Colorado.

He was last married July 20, 1943, to TOSHI-ALINE
~~HOFTA~~ SEEGER, born July 1, 1922, at Munich, Germany.
 Marriage has not terminated.

N.Y. MRS Peter SeeGER

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He intended to depart from the Port of San Francisco, California, on August 19, 1963, by air for a stay abroad of ten months for a "concert tour". Proposed itinerary was shown as: Australia, Japan, India, Africa, Israel, Italy, France, Greece, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Russia, Holland, Great Britain, and Denmark.

He was described as follows:

Height	6 feet 1½ inches
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marks	None
Occupation	Musician

He listed his father, residing at 15230 Earlham Road, Pacific Palisades, California, as the person to be notified in the event of death or accident.

In applying for his 1963 passport, subject utilized form DSP-11 revised in December, 1961. Such form contains no statements or questions regarding Communist Party membership; however, it does contain a "warning" regarding provisions of Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Pages 3 and 4, one of which contains the "warning" were missing and, accordingly, it is not known whether or not subject actually saw the "warning".

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE SUBJECT

On May 18, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) DAVID KLINGSBERG, Southern District of New York (SDNY), New York, New York, advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS that on that date, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals had reversed the subject's conviction and dismissed the indictment on the grounds that it was defective and that it did not sufficiently allege authority for the Congressional Committee's inquiry.

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"The Worker" issue of May 22, 1962, page 5, column 1 - 4, carried an article entitled "Pete Seeger Wins Reversal" concerning the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversal of SEEGER's conviction on contempt of Congress charges.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

AUSA IRVING YOUNGER advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS on May 31, 1962, that, during the week prior to the reversal of SEEGER's conviction and the dismissal of indictment, he, Mr. YOUNGER, was in Washington, D. C., when the Supreme Court reversed the indictments in other contempt cases such as SEEGER's. Mr. YOUNGER stated that this made all such indictments invalid and that, even if the Government had won in the Court of Appeals, the Government would have had to confess error in SEEGER's indictment and dismiss it. Mr. YOUNGER advised that the Government has a little over a year in which to reindict and that the Department is deciding whether or not to pursue all the reindictments. Mr. YOUNGER stated that he did not know when the decision will be made.

On March 27, 1963, AUSA AUTHUR ROSETT advised that there has been no change in the status of the subject's case.

On April 3, 1964, JACK W. BALLEEN, AUSA, SDNY, New York, New York, advised SA ROBERT E. BOWE that the case against the subject is closed based on the reversal of the subject's conviction and dismissal of the indictment as set forth above.

III. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Camp Webatuck

A characterization of Camp Webatuck is attached hereto.

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On September 4, 1963, NY T-4 advised that the subject, as of September, 1963, was music advisor for Camp Webatuck.

Chicago Committee to Defend the
Bill of Rights (CCDBR)

A characterization of the CCDBR is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

On June 10, 1963, NY T-5 advised that the subject's name was in the possession of the CCDBR in June, 1963.

"Mainstream"

A characterization of "Mainstream" is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

PETER SEEGER was author of an article on WOODIE GUTHRIE, American folk singer, who is incurably ill, which appeared in the August, 1963 edition of "Mainstream", Volume 16, Number 8.

N.Y. The June 19, 1959 issue of the "Daily Worker", Section 2, Pages 3 - 12, carried an article entitled "My Constitution and Me" by WOODIE GUTHRIE. This article was described as a "true short story". In this article, GUTHRIE stated, "The best thing I did in 1936 was to sign up with the Communist Party and start turning open the pages of some thick books. I bought and gave away about a dozen of those little blue USSR Constitution books since 1936."

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast daily Communist newspaper, which ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Sympathy

An article in the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin", daily newspaper of Honolulu, on August 21, 1963, in writing of SEEGER's visit, pointed out that LARRY COTT, Executive Vice President of Imua, an avowedly anti-Communist organization, on two separate occasions had criticized SEEGER as being "active in the functions of the CP since 1940" and said SEEGER "transmits the Communist Party line by way of his folk music". The article stated that SEEGER would neither confirm nor deny the charges and stated "but my religion and my politics are my own affair I refuse to be more specific than that."

On September 4, 1963, LARRY COTT, of Imua, reported that both of SEEGER's adult concerts at the University of Hawaii had been sellouts. SEEGER had also given a matinee at the University of Hawaii for children. COTT stated that at Saturday's program of August 24, 1963, SEEGER had sung a song which he described as recently copyrighted "folk" song by an anonymous friend in Berkeley. COTT stated that in reality the song was written by a publicly identified former Communist, MALVINA REYNOLDS, whose 1954 book of folk songs, many following the Communist line, had carried an introduction by SEEGER. COTT related that the REYNOLDS song, in his opinion, was low keyed propaganda to the effect that America is a land of conformity. SEEGER, according to COTT, also sang a piece from Japan about nuclear bombs; a song on American schools as institutions of indoctrination; and, as a finale, his own copyrighted song, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," according to COTT, inspired by a passage from the Soviet writer, MIKHAIL SHOLOKOW's "And Quiet Flows the Don".

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COTT stated that SEEGER and his family had been met at the airport by JOHN KELLY, JR.

On January 31, 1957, NY T-6, a former member of the CP from 1947 to 1951, identified JOHN KELLY, JR. as being a member of the CP during this period.

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On August 26, 1963, NY T-7 reported that on the afternoon of August 23, 1963, PETE SEEGER had given an unannounced concert at the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) Memorial Hall at Honolulu. Several of the officials of the ILWU had been in attendance. Before SEEGER started to sing, he had acknowledged AH QUON MC ELRATH in the audience, indicating that they were personal friends. NY T-7 related that no charge had been made for the concert, and only about fifty persons were in attendance. At the conclusion of the performance, a collection had been taken for the purpose of buying leis for participants in the coming March on Washington.

On November 10, 1953, ROBERT MC BURNEY KEMPA, a former member of the CP in Honolulu from January, 1947, to June, 1953, identified AH QUON MC ELRATH as a member of the CP in 1947, 1949, and 1951.

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On August 27, 1963, Mrs. ANNALIE TAPIBOUET, Royal Grove Hotel, 161 Ulunui, reported that PETE SEEGER and his family had stayed at the hotel from August 20 to August 25, 1963, when they departed Hololulu for the Orient on a world tour. Mrs. TAPIBOUET stated that SEEGER's reservations had been made at the hotel by JOHN KELLY, JR. Mrs. TAPIBOUET stated that she did recall that shortly after SEEGER had arrived, he had telephoned to ROBERT MC ELRATH of the ILWU, but she had not observed any other pertinent contacts on the part of SEEGER.

On November 10, 1963, ROBERT MC BURNEY KEMPA identified ROBERT MC ELRATH as having been a CP member in 1948.

The January 17, 1964, edition of "L'Unita", an organ of the CP of Italy, contained a report on the appearance of the subject at the Teatro Olimpico, Rome, Italy, on January 17, 1964.

Miscellaneous

The April 16, 1963 edition of "The Worker" contained an article which reflected that the subject was being "blacklisted" by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) Television Show "Hootenanny", scheduled to debut on April 6, 1963, for refusing to sign the "regular television Loyalty Oath". This article described the "Television Loyalty Oath" as an anti-Communist loyalty oath, and further stated that "the anti-Communist loyalty oath," questioning of performers and blacklisting those who dare to uphold their liberties as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, is based on the old Mc Carthy Dodge of ferreting out "Communists" among folk singers.

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This article in "The Worker" also contained a box listing the names and addresses to whom protests should be directed concerning the blacklisting of the subject from television show "Hootenanny".

(8) The September 6, 1963 edition of "The New York Times", a New York daily newspaper, contained an article captioned, "SEGER Baps Oath for TV Hootenanny." This article reflected that "Pete Seeger, the folk singer, said yesterday he had refused to sign a 'loyalty oath affidavit' as a prerequisite to being considered for an appearance on 'Hootenanny' over the American Broadcasting Company television network. The statement was issued by his manager, Harold Leventhal.

"A. B. C. confirmed that it had sent word to the singer it would 'consider' using him on the show if he furnished a 'sworn affidavit as to his past and present affiliations.' After learning of Mr. Seeger's stand yesterday, A. B. C. said the singer would not be considered for an appearance.

"Mr. Leventhal said it was apparent that A. B. C. was continuing a blacklisting policy against Mr. Seeger and others.

"In 1955 Mr. Seeger appeared before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refused to answer questions on Communist infiltration in the field of entertainment. Later he was convicted of contempt of Congress, but the United States Court of Appeals reversed the decision on May 18, 1962, and the indictment was ordered dismissed."

Negative Informants Contacted

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in March, 1964, but could furnish no current subversive information concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

CAMP WEBATUCK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS
CAMP CALUMET; WINGDALE CAMP, INC.;
WINGDALE LODGE, INC.; CAMP UNITY;
WINGDALE ON THE LAKE, ALSO KNOWN AS

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On May 27, 1953, a source advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the Communist Party (CP) since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

On April 24, 1956, a second source furnished an undated flyer entitled "The Wingdaler" published by Wingdale On The Lake. This flyer reflected that Wingdale On The Lake occupied the same site as was formerly occupied by Camp Unity.

On June 7, 1956, Mr. JAMES J. DWYER, Office of the Secretary of State, New York State, reviewed his records and advised SA JOHN EUGENE PARSONS that Wingdale Camp, Inc. filed a certificate of Incorporation number 6036 with his department on February 9, 1956.

On April 27, 1956, a third source advised that regardless of the name it uses the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was and still is a joint operation of the National Office of the CP and the New York State CP.

On November 13, 1962, the third source above advised that the CP has taken complete control of the camp and the camp will be essentially a youth camp in the future.

The "National Guardian" December 6, 1962, contained an advertisement on page 10 entitled "Announcing Camp Webatuck."

The advertisement reflected that the camp, located at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York, is a camp for boys and girls from 7 to 16 plus.

The advertisement indicated that registrations for the camp could be made at its office, 505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 705, New York 17, New York, telephone number MU 7-0586.

On December 7, 1962, a suitable pretext call was placed to telephone number MU 7-0586.

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It was determined through conversation with an unknown male individual that Camp Webatuck is the new name for Camp Calumet formerly known as Wingdale Camp, Inc.; Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity; Wingdale On The Lake, also known as.

The "National Guardian" May 2, 1963, contained an advertisement on page 8 concerning Camp Webatuck. This advertisement reflected that the current office address for Camp Webatuck is 166 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, telephone number OR 5-4383.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
THE BILL OF RIGHTS

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The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) maintains headquarters in Suite 424, 431 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source advised in July, 1960, that RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the Civil Liberties Commission, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, met with key leaders of the CP of Illinois and discussed with them the fact that the climate in the United States on civil liberties and civil rights issues had changed to the extent that it was now possible to proceed to form a new organization with broad mass support. By doing so, CRILEY believed that people who would not associate themselves with an organization of narrow scope would join a civil liberties and civil rights organization built around a broader issue such as the abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The CP leaders, after receiving assurance from CRILEY that any new organization that might evolve would protect the Party interests, authorized CRILEY to proceed with his plan to form a broader organization.

A second source advised on October 31, 1960, that a new organization known as the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was formally launched in Chicago at a meeting on October 26, 1960. The stated primary purpose of the new organization was to seek the abolition of the HCUA, and RICHARD CRILEY was named as its Executive Secretary, after having been the guiding force in arranging the October 26, 1960, meeting.

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The first source, in October, 1960, advised that CRILEY again attended a meeting of the Illinois District CP leadership on October 28, 1960, at which time he reported organizational meeting of the CCDBR. CRILEY stated that the immediate purpose of his organization is to obtain mass support to abolish the HCUA, but the new Committee purposes will also include defense of Smith Act and Taft-Hartley victims. He said there will be no formal affiliation with any national organization of similar purpose; however, the CCDBR, according to CRILEY, will consult and have liaison with national organizations having the same purpose. According to the source, the CP leadership agreed with the general direction of the CCDBR as outlined by CRILEY.

A third source advised on May 3, 1962, that the CCDBR continues to adhere to the same aims and purposes and operates under the same leadership.

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APPENDIX

"MAINSTREAM"

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Mainstream":

"Mainstream"

- "1. The Communist Party 'is regularly putting out * * * Mainstream -- monthly cultural and literary organ published in New York.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)"

* Beginning with the September 1956 issue, the name of this publication was changed from Masses and Mainstream to Mainstream.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

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File No.

APR 13 1964

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Title Peter Seeger

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Reference report of Special Agent Robert E. Bowe, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Subject: Peter Seeger [memorandum w/attachments]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 3/31/64

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (100-236)(P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum prepared by this office which reports information received from [redacted] concerning the subject.

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The extra six copies are being furnished should the Bureau desire to disseminate to interested Legal Attaches.

Further inquiry is being requested of sources in Japan. On receipt of additional information, it will be promptly forwarded.

5 - Bureau (Encls.-11)
(1 - Foreign Liaison)
(2 - New York, 100-83801)
1 - Tokyo
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 24, 1964

PETER SEEGER

Under date of December 26, 1963, a confidential source abroad reported the following information concerning the subject's visit to Japan:

(1)
Pete Seeger, born May 3, 1919

Occupation: Musician

Home Address: Dutces (sic) Junction Beacon, N. Y.

Entry: Arrival in Haneda (by J. A. L. from Hong Kong) on
October 8

Residence Status: 4-1-9 (60 days)

Passport: D-9453986

Contact Address: American Express

Under the auspices of the Tokyo Cultural and Musical Association, public performances have been held in Tokyo. However, the schedule of local performances is not known.

Up to this moment, no information on his contact with [redacted] or other activities has been received.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (61-8133)
(100-200845)

DATE: 2/28/64

FROM : Legal Attache, Tokyo (100-66) (100-236)

SUBJECT: JACK WAYNE HALL
IS - C
PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Attn: FBI Laboratory

Request the enclosed Japanese language material, which is described below, be translated ☒ verbatim ☐ in summary and the translation distributed as indicated.

Description of Material: Letter

Dated 12/26/63 and received here on 2/17/64
under _____ classification from: _____

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Disposition of Material:

- ☒ Return to this Office
☐ Retain at Bureau
☐ Other:

Disposition of translations:

2 copies to Tokyo
____ copies to _____
____ copies to _____
____ copies to _____

Communication for dissemination to be prepared by Tokyo office.

Remarks:

3 - Bureau (Encl.-1)
(1 - Foreign Liaison)
2 - Tokyo
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XXXX Legal Attache, Tokyo (100-66)
SAC,

March 16, 1964

Director, FBI **(61-8133, 100-200845)**

JACK WAYNE HALL
IS - C
PETER SEEGER
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XXXXXXXXXXXX
REGISTERED MAIL

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated **2/28/64.**

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

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Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

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Trotter _____
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1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn.; Mr. Bland, sent direct with enclosure)
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Date 3/5/64

To

☒ Director (100-200845) FILE # Tokyo 100-236

Att.

☐ SAC

Title

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

PETER SEEGER

☐ Agent

SM - C

☐ SE

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

ACTION DESIRED

☒ Acknowledge

☐ Open Case

☐ Assign/Reassign

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Bring file

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Call me

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Correct

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Deadline

☐ Return file

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Return serials

☐ Delinquent

☐ Search and return

☐ Discontinue

☐ See me

☐ Expedite

☐ Send Serials

☐ File

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☐ For information

☐ Submit new charge-out

☐ Initial & return

☐ Submit report by

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Type

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

LHM dated 2/3/64 at Washington, D. C., disseminated to

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SAC HAROLD L. CHILD, JR.

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Office Tokyo

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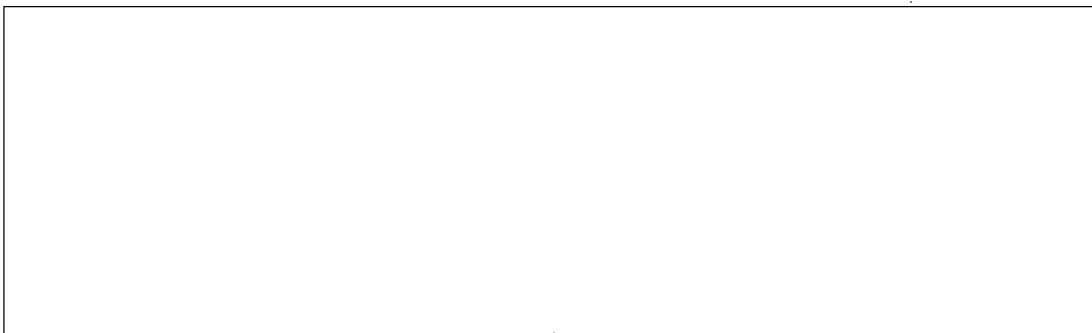
To: Director, FBI (100-200845)

From: Legal Attache, Rome (100-987) (RUC)

Subject: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Reference: Romelet, 2-3-64

Information set forth in the enclosed memorandum was received on February 19, 1964 from:



☐ Other:

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Classified by Source:

Remarks: Enclosed for Legat, Bern, are one copy each of Bulet to State Dept., 7-1-63; New York letterhead memorandum, 6-24-63, and Rome letterhead memorandum, 2-3-64.

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Paris, Bonn, London*

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by: *W.H.F./mrc*

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(5) Bureau (Enc-7) (1 - Liaison Section)
(2 - New York 100-83801)
(1 - Rome 100-987) (sent direct)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1964

PETER SEEGER

The following information was furnished on
February 19, 1964, by a confidential source abroad:

U.S. citizen PETER SEEGER, born May 3,
1919, at New York City, took lodging in Rome
at the Hotel Parioli from January 11 to 19,
1964. He departed on the latter date for Tel
Aviv.

SEEGER returned to Rome from Israel on
February 3, 1964, and lodged at the same hotel.
He left from the Fiumicino Airport, Rome, on
February 4, 1964, enroute to Vienna, Austria.

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Legal Attache, Rome (100-957)

February 27, 1964

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Director, FBI (100-200845) - 114

PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 2/3/64.

The foreign language material is being returned herewith.

Enclosures (3)

- 1 - Bonn - Enclosure
- 1 - London - Enclosure
- 2 - New York (100-55891) - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Paris - Enclosure
- 1 - Tokyo - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn.: Mr. Baumgardner, sent direct with enclosure)
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TRANSLATION FROM ITALIAN

From "L'Unita" (Unity), January 17, 1964, issue.

A Successful Appearance at the Teatro Olimpico

THE AUDIENCE SANG WITH PETE SEEGER

And now Pete Seeger is on the stage. He is dressed very unpretentiously: a big sweater and light-colored pants. In his attitude toward the audience, one feels the spirit, the ideas, the motives that give life to his surprising and stirring songs. As a matter of fact, his performance is a continuous, cordial and affectionate conversation with the audience - an exchange of ideas with the crowd.

If he could do it, Seeger would ~~step~~ down, onto the orchestra floor, and shake hands with each and every person in attendance. If all the audience could get up onto the stage, and if the stage had room for all of them, Pete Seeger would be a happy man. Nothing like this happens; however, the audience becomes active, exactly as Brecht wants it to, plays its own role and joins Seeger in his singing.

This is the warm, fraternal climate which became the hallmark of last night's performance at the Teatro Olimpico where the New York minstrel sang, together with his listeners, many of his songs and many more by his "Negro and white friends." It should be pointed out that the most active participants from the audience were young Englishmen and Americans of whom there was quite an abundant representation undeterred by the fact that Seeger is known to reveal scorching truths and atrocious facts about the circumstances in his great country.

The songs he sang were some of his most beautiful and expressive songs. Their lively lyrics are often given an extra dash of color by curious onomatopoeias. His banjo and 12-string guitar give forth sweet notes and his music always presents a clear and straight-line structure which tempers the diverse modes of jazz music and of the folk music that the Negroes (first as slaves and, then, as free men) and the whites of different European origins handed down from generation to generation. His music follows a simple harmonic design, but it is full of suggestions and touching expressions especially when it conveys images of suffering men longing for a true and authentic freedom.

TRANSLATED BY:

RAFFAELE A. VACCARI del
February 26, 1964

ENCLOSURE

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As an outstanding example of his songs, we point out a sorrowful Negro chant which gives a full measure of the sadness and grief of Negro slave women who must sing lullabies to and rock the cradles of white babies while their own children are left unattended in their miserable huts. One of the songs of greatest social significance narrates the story of powerful machines flattening mountains and hills in rich California in order to make it possible to build projects after projects of houses which are all alike, where men live who are all alike, where children are reared. It is a world of boxes whose greatest aspiration is to remain the same.

Another "hot" number is a song about a famous character named Leadbelly who was chased from a hotel where he had gone to participate in a solidarity meeting between colored and white people. This man set to music a short story where a "beautiful and bourgeois" city is described. In this city, a certain couple is unable to find hospitality anywhere and is rudely rejected by everybody. The song which climaxed Seeger's most successful evening is titled "We Shall Overcome" and can be described as the anthem of the Negroes and of the American freedom-fighters. It was received with warm and prolonged applause.

There will be another performance tonight, Seeger's second and last appearance.

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EMBASSY
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rome, Italy

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Date: February 3, 1964
To: Director, FBI (100-200845)
From: Legat, Rome (100-987) (RUC)
Subject: PETER SEEGER
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ReRomelet 12/23/63.

Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, and a clipping from the 1/17/64 issue of L'Unita, an organ of the Communist Party of Italy.

The Bureau is requested to translate the enclosed clipping and furnish copies of the translation to the Rome and New York Offices.

In view of the subject's departure from the territory covered by Rome, no further action is being taken in this matter at this time.

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 8) ENCLOSURE
(1 - Liaison Section)
(2 - New York 100-83801)
1 - Rome 100-987

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1 - London - Encl. (6)
1 - N. Y. - Encl.
1 - Paris - Encl.
1 - Tokyo - Encl.

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2/12/64
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Date 2/4/64

To

☒ Director (100-200845) FILE # Tokyo 100-236

Att.

☐ SAC Title

☐ ASAC PETER SEEGER

☐ Supv. SM - C

☐ Agent

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☐ Clerk

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Call me | <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct | <input type="checkbox"/> Return assignment card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Return file |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed | <input type="checkbox"/> Return serials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and return |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue | <input type="checkbox"/> See me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedite | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Serials |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> For information | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit new charge-out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial & return | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention | <input type="checkbox"/> Type |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation or notation as to action taken. | |

Rome LHM dated 12/23/63 at Washington, D. C.,
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Office Tokyo

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-200845)

DATE: 1/8/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

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Cards Sent OOSUBJECT: PETER SEEGER aka
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

1/16/64

"UNAVAILABLE SECTION"

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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1-New York

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The American Embassy
Rome, Italy

1/10

Date: December 23, 1963
To: Director, FBI (100-200845)
From: Legat, Rome (100-987) (RUC)
Subject: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

ReBulet 7/1/63, NYO LHMs 7/26/63 and 8/9/63, and
Honolulu LHM 9/11/63.

Information set forth in attached LHM has been
made available to the appropriate Rome source. The Bureau and
New York will be advised of any pertinent information that comes
to the attention of the Rome Office.

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 6)
 - (1 - Liaison Section)
 - (2 - New York 100-83801)
- 1 - Rome 100-987

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BY: *Bug Jac*

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& London
1/16/64
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JAN 24 1964

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Washington, D. C.
December 23, 1963

PETER SEEGER, also known as
Pete Seeger

The December 17, 1963, edition of the "Daily American," an English language daily newspaper printed in Rome, Italy, reported that Pete Seeger is scheduled for performances at the Olimpico Theater, Rome, on January 16 and 17, 1964, under the sponsorship of the Teatro Club. This edition further reported that he is scheduled to perform in six African countries prior to visiting Rome and nine other countries after Rome prior to returning to the United States from England.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/18/63

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FROM : Legat, London (100-2101) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Rebulet to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and
Research, Department of State dated 7/1/63.

On 12/4/63

[redacted] the "Daily Worker"
for 11/9/63 stated that subject will be holding a solo
concert on 2/29/64 at the Royal Festival Hall, London.
[redacted]

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1 - Liaison Section (sent direct)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/19/63

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (100-236)(P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

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The most recent report received from sources in response to the stops placed by this office is one received 11/7/63 from

Stops put out by this office will continue until advised to the contrary.

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(1 - Foreign Liaison)
(1 - Honolulu)
1 - Tokyo
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date 12/31/63

by JLM/mr P125

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FBI NEW YORK

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/18/63

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (100-236)(P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

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This office has been periodically advised by [redacted] that subject has not yet arrived in Japan. The most recent date we were so advised was 10/15/63.

If it is determined that subject no longer has intention of coming to Japan, this office should be advised in order that numerous stops outstanding can be cancelled.

4 - Bureau (1 - Honolulu)
(1 - Foreign Liaison)
1 - Tokyo
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To

☒ Director

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Date 10/8/63

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FILE # Tokyo 100-236

Title

PEETER SEEGER
SM - C

ACTION DESIRED

- ☐ Acknowledge
- ☐ Assign.....Reassign.....
- ☐ Bring file
- ☐ Call me
- ☐ Correct
- ☐ Deadline.....
- ☐ Deadline passed
- ☐ Delinquent
- ☐ Discontinue
- ☐ Expedite
- ☐ File
- ☐ For information
- ☐ Initial & return
- ☐ Leads need attention
- ☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

- ☐ Open Case
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- ☐ Prepare tickler
- ☐ Recharge serials
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- ☐ See me
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Copies of Honolulu letterhead memo dated 9/11/63
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HAROLD L. CHILD, JR.

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Office TOKYO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: September 30, 1963

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-39112)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C
00: New York

Re New York letter to Bureau, 7/26/63.

Established sources in the San Francisco Division did not report any public appearance by Subject in the San Francisco Bay area during August, 1963. No information received from these sources regarding Subject's itinerary or mode of travel.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1-16-67

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[redacted] has furnished us a clipping from the December 28, 1966, issue of the newspaper, "Junge Welt," published in East Berlin. The item, under a Berlin dateline, states that Peter Seeger, described as a folksinger and one of the founders of the progressive folksong movement in the United States, made a guest appearance in the Berlin Peoples Theatre, East Berlin on 1-4-67. He was described as an artist of the "other America" who sings about striking workers and demonstrating civil rights workers in colleges and universities and who recently wrote a song against the senseless death of his countrymen in Vietnam.

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Memorandum

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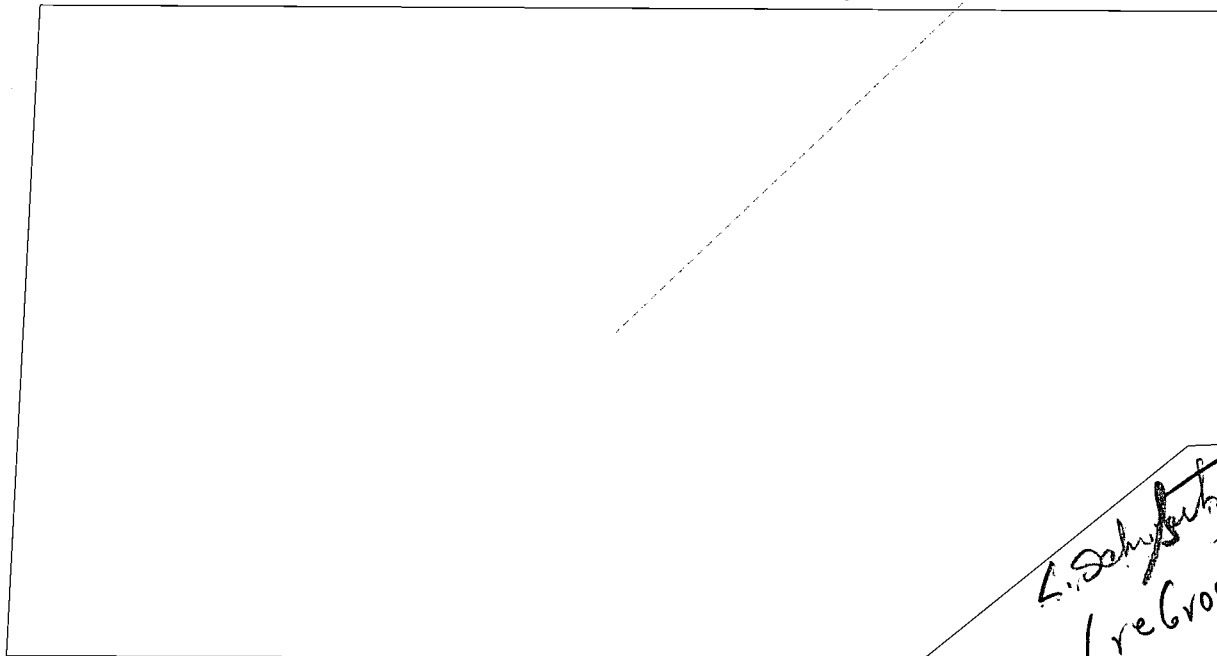
DATE: 4-11-67

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Reference Bonnlet to Bureau dated 3/8/67.

*L. Schuyler
(re Grossman)*

Dated	Recd.	Addressee	Addressor
3-15-67	3-30-67	Mr. Victor Grossman Deutsche Akademie der Kunste en Berlin 104 Berlin Robert-Koch Platz 7 DDR Germany	(Peter Seeger) Box 431 Beacon, N.Y. 12508

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Addressee is subject of Bufile 100-359527.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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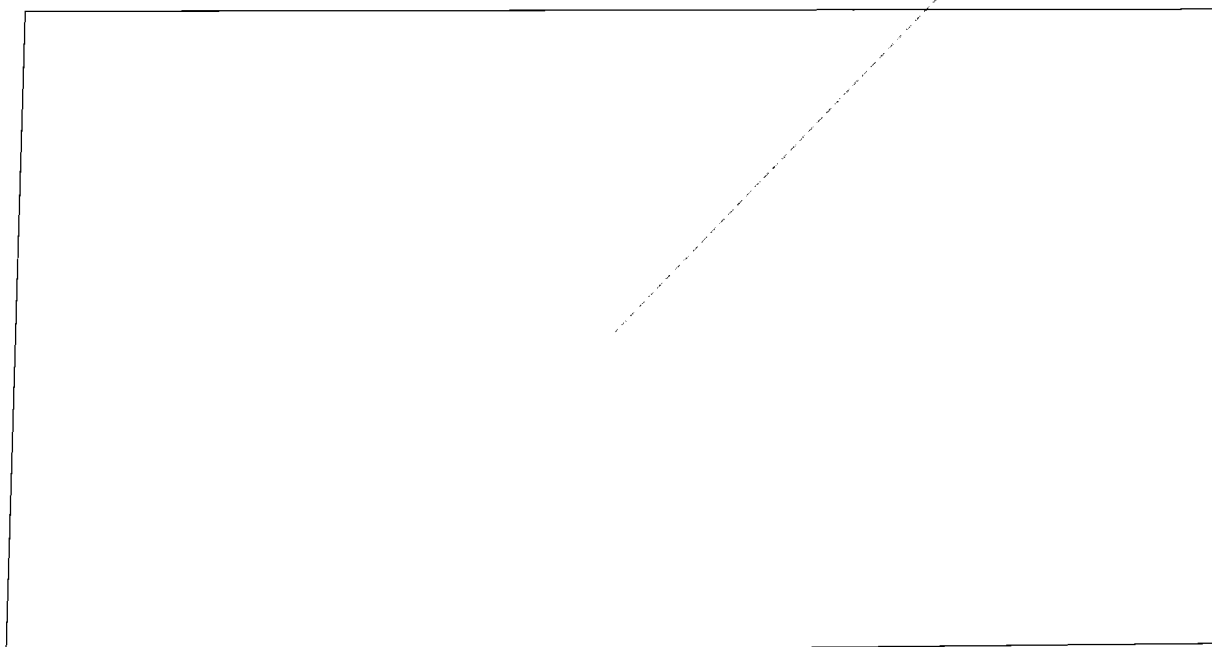
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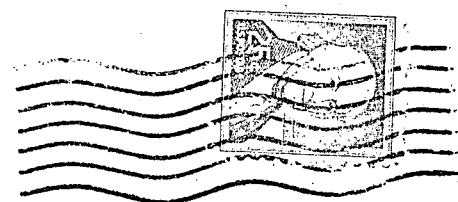
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Box 431
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Deutsche Akademie der Künste
en Berlin
104 Berlin
Robert-Koch Platz 7
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

March 15, 1967

Dear Victor,

I have received a letter from someone in West Germany which disturbs me and I thought I would ask you about it. He says that when my East German TV program was put on the air the words that I spoke when introducing the songs were dubbed in in German. This would be all right if it were an accurate translation. But he says that my introduction to "John Henry" sounded as follows: "You hear the song about a working-man forced by the Capitalist to fight against the machine so that he may keep his place of work."

I know how difficult it is to make exact translations but I am sure that you must also know that I try to steer away from words that carry loaded misunderstood meanings like this.

Nevertheless I am exceedingly glad that my television program has been heard throughout Germany and I look forward to seeing you all again another year.

Best wishes,

Pete
Peter

ps: I am tracing down those addresses. Some aren't easy

Tosh

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/5/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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CC TO: <i>Internal Revenue</i>
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ANS.
BY: <i>B. K. Dep</i>

ReNYlet 6/1/66, to WFO (interoffice), and WFO letter 7/1/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau and NY are 8 and 2 copies, respectively, of an LHM setting forth information in subject's passport file. This file was reviewed at the Passport Office, USDS on 11/30/66, by SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS JR.

A review of the subject's passport D453486 issued to subject 6/17/63, reflects the following travel by SEEGER:

Australian visa issued at NYC 7/23/63
Arrived Fiji Islands 8/30/63
Arrived Sydney 8/31/63
Departed Canberra 9/12/63
Indonesian visa issued at Sydney 9/18/63
Arrived Kemajoran 9/24/63
Departed Kemajoran 10/5/63
Arrived Hong Kong 10/5/63
Japanese visa issued at Hong Kong 10/7/63
Arrived Haneda 10/8/63
Departed Haneda 11/26/63

CC TO: <i>OST-4</i>
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BY: <i>RJO AEE</i>

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Indian visa issued at Tokyo 11/1/63
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At New Delhi 12/5/63
Departed Bombay 12/10/63
British visa for Kenya issued at NYC 8/2/63
In Kenya 12/10/63
Departed Nairobi 12/24/63
Arrived Nigeria 12/25/63
In Nigeria 12/28/63
Departed Nigeria 1/3/64
Visa for Ghana issued at Lagos 12/30/63
Arrived Ghana 1/3/64
Departed Accra 1/11/64
United Arab Republic visa issued at NYC 8/7/63
(no indication whether used)
In an Arab country 1/20/64 (departure stamp
illegible)
Arrived Dover, England 2/17/64
Departed Harwich 3/2/64
Arrived The Netherlands 3/3/64
Arrived Denmark 3/11/64
Departed Denmark 3/16/64
Czechoslovak visa issued at London 2/25/64
Arrived Prague 3/18/64
Departed Prague 3/30/64
Polish visa issued at London 2/26/64
Arrived Poland 3/30/64
In Warsaw 3/31/64
Departed Poland 4/8/64
Soviet visa issued 2/20/64 (possibly issued
in London)
Arrived Moscow 4/8/64
Departed Moscow 5/7/64
Arrived London 5/7/64
Departed London 6/2/64

WFO 100-23658

Arrived NYC 6/2/64
(Passport contains So. African visa issued at
NYC 8/7/63, and visa for New Zealand
issued at NYC 8/9/63, no indication whether
used)

In Paris 9/25/65
Departed Paris 9/28/65
Arrived London 9/28/65
Departed London 10/4/65
In Paris 10/25/65
Departed Paris 10/29/65
Arrived London 10/29/65
Departed Prestwick 11/7/65
Arrived NYC 11/7/65

Arrived NYC 4/12/66. No 1966 travel control
stamps were noted in the passport but a staple
was affixed to the top of the page containing
the Soviet visa previously issued to him, as
indicated above.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 5, 1966

PETER SEEGER

The passport file of Peter Seeger was reviewed at the Passport Office, United States Department of State on November 30, 1966. This file reflects that passport number D453486 issued to Seeger on June 17, 1963, was renewed about October 26, 1966.

Seeger executed this passport renewal application on October 6, 1966, at which time he indicated he would leave New York City about November 7, 1966, via Trans World Airlines (TWA) for a two-weeks' trip in Great Britain where he would be on a concert tour and also appear on television on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). He gave his birth date as May 3, 1919, at New York City and listed his mailing and permanent address as Box 431, Beacon, New York. He stated that in the event of accident, notice be given to his business manager, Harold Leventhal, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.

His passport file contains correspondence dated October 28, 1966, from his business manager, Harold Leventhal, requesting that a passport be issued immediately as Seeger had to leave for London on the evening of November 8, 1966, for a concert in the Royal Festival Hall, an appearance on BBC-Television, and concerts in Belfast and Dublin.

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November 15, 1966

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Miss Norma Aquilio
1719 Central Street
Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

Dear Miss Aquilio:

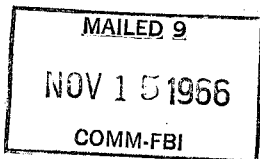
Your letter of November 9th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior outgoing dated 10-29-65 to Miss Aquilio in response to her inquiry regarding information on the League of Women Voters. Pete Seeger is well known as a banjo player and folk singer. He is currently on the security index and is the subject of Bufile 100-200845.

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1719 Central St.
Yorktown Heights
N. Y.

Dear sir:

Pete Seeger, the folk singer is scheduled to appear at our local high school in the near future. Can you furnish me with any information concerning his connection, if any, with the Communist conspiracy?

Very truly yours,

Norma Aquilio

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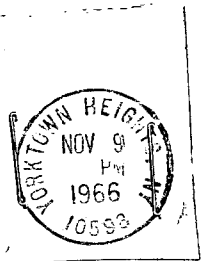
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Title Pete Seeger

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SAC IAN D. MacLENNAN

Office Pittsburgh

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Stirs Controversy**Pete Seeger Fascinating
In Solo Song Concert**

By ROBERT CROAN

Pete Seeger's solo concert of folk songs and stories Saturday evening at Carnegie Music Hall was, predictably, a fascinating experience.

His appearances always cause controversy. His outspoken political views are so "hot" that one seems to make enemies by expressing ANY opinion of Seeger.

Difficult to Appraise

Therefore, it is more meaningful—and more difficult—to evaluate Pete Seeger as a performing artist. Politics, social reform, and civil rights aside, he is undoubtedly a performing artist of the highest stature.

Few personalities could keep a near-capacity audience so deeply involved, so highly charged, his presence felt even when he is offstage.

Seeger is consistently communicative on every level. He sings with a light, clear voice and diction that should be the envy of every vocal student. He has been called the first popular singer who made people listen to the words.

Most of the time he accompanies himself on the guitar or banjo. Occasionally he sings unaccompanied, or alternates singing with interludes on a primitive flute. His songs are interspersed with narrative stories—some funny, some barbed, some just vulgar—in which he acts out all the parts.

Audience Sings Along
Some impressive banjo solos include "Whirling Beethoven," an arrangement of the slow movement of the 7th Symphony sandwiched between hillbilly tunes. Often the audience participates by singing along, becomes an actual part of the act by the very reciprocity of its involvement.

This is indicative of an unusually high level of literacy shared by performer and his audience. Beethoven, Dante, Camus are all cited in due course. A charming elderly Negro woman sitting close by carries a book of Seeger's protest songs and the score of Debussy's "Pelleas and Melisande."

This viewer, much absorbed with Seeger's philosophy, was less taken with the rousing protest songs than his appealing children's songs—especially the tale of the giant "Abiyoyo," a masterpiece of direct message with a moral; and with the eloquent simplicity of "A Time for Everything."

Seeger protests Viet Nam—though he is not a pacifist—he protests dictatorships, ignorance, reactionaries, and he champions the cause of peace, knowledge, and the Pill. But his most persuasive argument appears midway in a song called "Bring Them Home."

I may be right,
I may be wrong,
But I've got a right
To sing this song.

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

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10/3/66

Date:

Edition: FINAL

Author: ROBERT CROAN

Editor: FRANK HAWKINS

Title: PETE SEEGER

Character: SM-C

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Submitting Office: PITTSBURGH

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C

DATE: 8/29/66

ReNY report of SA JOHN LEE GILL, 6/13/66.

This matter has been kept in a Pending status to determine whether the subject possibly was making a trip to North Viet Nam or traveling abroad during the summer of 1966. To date, no information to substantiate such travel has been received.

On 7/21/66, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on 5/5/66, ~~PETER SEEGER~~, PO Box 431, Beacon, NY, had registered for a course in Russian at the Berlitz School of Languages in NYC. The course consisted of 100 lessons.

On 6/27/66, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ~~PETER SEEGER~~ was present at a meeting of the Rosenberg Memorial and Morton Sobell Freedom Rally held at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, NYC on 6/17/66. This information was confirmed by [redacted]

The "Hudson Register Star", a daily newspaper in Hudson, NY, on 7/11/66, contained an article indicating PETER SEEGER had been at the Shaker Museum, Old Chatham, NY, on 7/8, 9/66, in connection with the filming of two half-hour films for the CBS-TV Sunday morning religious series, "Lamp Unto My Feet". This article indicated he had upcoming engagements at Stratford, Connecticut; Lenox, Massachusetts; and Lewisohn Stadium, NYC. The same newspaper in the issue of 7/13/66, indicated SEEGER was scheduled for a concert at the Berkshire Music Barn, Lenox, Massachusetts on 7/16/66, at 3:00 p.m.

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The "New York Times" in the issue of 7/14/66, reflected SEEGER had appeared the previous night in a folk concert at Lewisohn Stadium, NYC.

An advertisement in "Variety" on 8/3/66, reflected the above-mentioned TV film was to be shown on CBS-TV at 10:00 a.m., 8/7/66.

Continuous contact was maintained with Detective Sergeant RAYMOND STEWART, Beacon, NY, Police Department and MAURICE KEATING, Postmaster, Beacon, NY, to whom SEEGER is known, through 8/24/66. On the latter date, both advised they had no knowledge of any travel by SEEGER outside the US during the summer. Mr. KEATING advised SEEGER's wife, TOSHI, had been in the Post Office on 8/24/66, to pick up the mail, as she had done all summer, and that he had noted no prolonged absence on her part.

On 6/21/66, Mrs. VERDE L. CRENSHAW, Liaison Officer, Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised IC JAMES H. YELVINGTON there was no record of a renewal application, or an application for a new passport, for PETER SEEGER.

Sources have been alerted for information of any foreign travel of subject.

In view of the lack of information of such travel at the present time, this matter is being closed.

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July 29, 1966

PETE SEEGER

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On April 12, 1966, T-1, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised as follows:

On April 5, 1966, CHARLES SMALL, described by T-1
as one of the principal associates of the American Communist
Group in Mexico (ACGM), advised that PETE SEEGER, the famous
American folk singer, was giving a concert that night at
7:30 PM, at San Carlos Academy in Mexico City, and that
"....everybody would be there."

According to T-1, the ACGM is a loose
association of a predominantly social
nature of present and/or past members
of the Communist Party, USA, and their
friends and associates who share a common
sympathy for the international communist
movement.

According to T-1, the concert by SEEGER was held as
scheduled and was attended by approximately 500 persons, in-
cluding many of the associates of ACGM from Mexico City and
vicinity. In his program, SEEGER sang several songs "of a
progressive nature," including one against the war in Vietnam,
all of which were enthusiastically applauded by the audience.

On April 20, 1966, T-2, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised that on April 8, 1966,

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PETE SEEGER

ELIZABETH MORA, described by T-2 as one of the principal associates of ACGM in Mexico City, stated she was "elated and very happy over the huge success" of the concert by PETE SEEGER at San Carlos Academy the previous Tuesday night. MORA, who teaches sculpture at San Carlos Academy, indicated she had helped plan, publicize, and sell tickets to the concert, and she commented that she was "proud to say that every loyal comrade of the American colony in Mexico cooperated fully, not only with their presence but by bringing along many, many non-political friends who enjoyed SEEGER to the fullest." MORA added that "....the comrades from Cuernavaca showed in full force, helping to make it a memorable occasion."

On June 21, 1966, T-1 advised that he learned from MARY and CEDRIC BELFRAGE, important associates of ACGM in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, that PETE SEEGER and his family, while visiting in Mexico at the time of SEEGER's concert, had stayed in the BELFRAGES' house in Cuernavaca.

On July 19, 1966, T-1 advised that he was not aware of the extent of SEEGER's stay in Mexico or of the times and means of arrival and departure.

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SEEGER BAN RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Court of Appeals Overturns
Barring of Singer on L.I.

Special to The New York Times

ALBANY, July 7 — The state's highest court ruled in effect today that it was unconstitutional for a Long Island school board to have barred Pete Seeger, the folk singer, from giving a concert last March in a high school auditorium.

The Court of Appeals voted 6 to 1, to overturn the Appellate Division. That lower court had ruled that the "controversy was moot" since the date of the scheduled performance, March 12, had passed and since Mr. Seeger was not suing for money damages.

The folk singer, long a stormy figure because of his association with left-wing causes, was to have given a concert in a high school in East Meadow, Long Island. The performance, sponsored by the East Meadow Community Concerts Association, was well publicized, and tickets were sold out well in advance.

The school board involved, that of Union Free School District No. 3 in Nassau County,

had given its permission for the concert in June, 1965. However, six months later, in December, the board reversed itself and withdrew its permission for the Seeger performance on the ground that the folk singer had recently given a concert in Moscow and that some of the songs he sings are critical of American policy in Vietnam.

The board also contended that Mr. Seeger was a "highly controversial figure" whose presence might trigger a disturbance dangerous to school property.

The Community Concerts Association called the board's action unconstitutional and went to court. The State Supreme Court dismissed the contention of unconstitutionality.

The case was then taken to the Appellate Division, which said that the school board had, indeed, imposed an "unlawful restriction on the constitutional right of free speech and assembly," but ruled that the issue was academic since the concert date had passed.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUN 13 1966	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/20/66 - 6/6/66
TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER		REPORT MADE BY JOHN LEE GILL	TYPED BY Cmjb
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	

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 REQ. REC'D 2/17/71
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 ANS. BY: BULK Dep.

REFERENCE: NYrep of SA JOHN LEE GILL, dated 5/14/66.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SA HERBERT P. LARSON observed the subject on 1/26/66.

SA JOHN LEE GILL made a pretext telephone call to WNJU-TV, Newark, New Jersey, using a pretext of seeking information regarding programing of folk singers. SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY made a pretext telephone call to the Harold Leventhal Agency in September, 1965, using a pretext of seeking information as to securing a booking for this subject. SA DENNIS B. CASEY contacted that agency via pretext telephone call in December, 1965, using a similar pretext.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

The records of the Bureau of Special Services of the New York City Police Department, as reviewed on 5/25/66 by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, reflect no additional data pertinent to this investigation.

U.S.A.
Buairtel dated 5/31/66 captioned "Communist Party, USA, International Relations, Internal Security-C" (NY 100-86824) reported that the Bureau had recently received information that the Writers Union of North Vietnam was considering inviting the subject, ARTHUR MILLER, BETTINA APTHEKER and Dr. LINUS PAULING to an "International Conference of Intellectuals" scheduled to be held during late May, 1966, in North Vietnam.

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4/19
On 6/1/66, SA WILLIAM A. BRACKEN made a pretext telephone call to the Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th Street, New York, New York, (pretext-seeking information as to SEEGER's availability for a concert) and was advised that the subject was then in California and will be available in the US during the summer of 1966.

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[redacted] reported to SA WALTER C. ZINK on 6/1/66 that no information has been received indicating current or future foreign travel on the subject's part. The NYO is remaining alert to additional possible foreign travel on the subject's part.

The NYO has requested the WFO to review the records of the Passport Office inasmuch as the subject's passport expired in May, 1966.

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Bulet to New York dated 7/12/65 advised that the HCUA had requested the Bureau to supply the HCUA with the name of any individuals who could definitely place the subject in the CP. The NYO was requested to furnish the Bureau concerning the whereabouts of LOUIS BUDENZ, JOHN LAUTNER and Former [redacted] who previously furnished information regarding the subject's CP membership per New York report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., dated 2/21/57. New York letter dated 7/26/65 provided the requested information regarding LAUTNER and former [redacted]. BUDENZ was contacted by the Boston Office and information regarding that recontact is reflected in Boston letter dated 8/3/65. No additional information reflecting CP membership on the subject's part was received from these sources and pertinent data has been previously reported.

The following data was not included in the current report inasmuch as characterization of the organizations mentioned have not been approved. On 2/15/66 [redacted] reported that at a meeting of the Womens Peace and Unity Club held in Chicago on 2/4/66, it was stated that the subject would appear in Chicago for a benefit on 3/5/66, [redacted]. On 11/2/65, [redacted] reported that a member of the American Committee on Africa advised on 10/26/65, that the program for 12/10/65 at Hunter College would include the subject [redacted].

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NY T-12 [redacted]	[redacted] 100-79725-1293 [redacted]
NY T-13 [redacted]	
NY T-14 [redacted]	
NY T-15 [redacted]	
NY T-16 [redacted]	
NY T-17 [redacted]	
NY T-18 [redacted]	
NY T-19 [redacted]	
NY T-20 [redacted]	
NY T-21 [redacted]	
NY T-22 [redacted]	

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

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NY T-23

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NY T-24

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NY T-25

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Informants contacted with negative results
are as follows:

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AT BEACON, NEW YORK. Will continue efforts
to determine if the subject travels abroad in the
immediate future.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason) it contains data received from NY T-2 through NY T-25 reflecting that the FBI has coverage of CP related activities. Unauthorized disclosure of this could reveal the sources' identities and destroy the effectiveness thereof. This could hamper investigation of subversive matters and thereby be injurious to the national security.

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.

he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview the subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP, in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER

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10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. McMURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY). On 4/30/53, former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. McMURRAY, JR., 2/19/58 at NY).

On 2/12/60, [redacted] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [redacted] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY).

On 4/30/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER attended a concert at 253 West 73rd St., NY, NY, sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which concert was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for Soviet-American Friendship, held at 60th St., and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be traveling through southern part of the US giving a series of concerts.

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On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from September, 1955 until September 1962, made available a letter dated 12/7/62 in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council; to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Subject performed at function for "American Dialog", 7/64, and NCASF rally 11/64. (Instant Report).

Subject contributed funds to NCAHUAC, 1965. Participated in function of NCASF, 1966 and of "National Guardian" 1965 (Instant Report).

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Report of:

JOHN LEE GILL

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Date:

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 100-200845

Title:

PETER SEEGER

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York and is self-employed as banjo player and folk singer. Informants report subject contributed funds to NCAHUAC 1965; participated in function of NCASF 1966 and of "National Guardian" 1965. Subject toured Europe, including Soviet Union, 1965.

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DETAILSI. BACKGROUNDA. Residence and Employment

NY T-1 reported on June 1, 1966 that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer. NY T-1 added that the subject can be reached through Post Office Box 328 at Dutchess Junction.

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Detective Sergeant RAYMOND STEWART, Police Department, Beacon, New York, advised SPECIAL AGENT (SA) LOWELL W. BARTON on June 1, 1966 that the subject is self-employed as a folk singer and resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. National Committee to Abolish the House
Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC)

New York Council to Abolish the House
Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC)

The above mentioned organizations
are mentioned in the Appendix
attached hereto.

The "National Guardian" of April 3, 1965, page 8, columns three and four, contained an advertisement regarding a function to be held on April 11, 1965 at the Square East, 15 West 4th Street, New York, New York, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the " --- HUAC's attack on the N.Y. Theater". The NYCAHUAC was referred to as the sponsor of that function. Among the entertainers listed as participating was the name of the subject.

The "National Guardian" is mentioned in
the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-2 reported on April 14, 1965 that on April 11, 1965, the subject performed at a function held at the Square East, 15 West 4th Street, New York, New York, and that this function was sponsored by the NYCAHUAC. Various speakers attacked the HUAC.

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On August 30, 1965, NY T-3 reported that a meeting of the Executive Board of the Southern Californians for Abolition of the HUAC (SCAHUAC) was held on July 12, 1965 in Los Angeles, California. During this meeting, it was stated that the subject had become a regular sustainer to the NNCAHUAC with a personal pledge of \$50 a month.

The SCAHUAC is mentioned in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-4 reported on October 15, 1965, that the subject contributes \$5.00 per month directly to the NNCAHUAC.

On May 9, 1966, NY T-3 reported that in April, 1966, the records of the NNCAHUAC reflect that the subject is contributing \$50.00 per month to that organization.

B. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-5 made available on January 26, 1966, an announcement of a dinner to be held on that date at the Astor Hotel, Broadway and 44th Street, New York, New York. Said dinner was to be a tribute to the Executive Director of the NCASF for his 20 years of service. Among the names listed as sponsoring that function was the name of the subject.

On January 26, 1966, NY T-6 advised that on that date the NCASF was holding a dinner at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street, New York, New York. This dinner was held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the NCASF executive director.

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On January 26, 1966, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject and others entering the Grand Ballroom of the Astor Hotel, Broadway and 44th Street, New York, New York.

NY T-7 reported on January 27, 1966, that on January 26, 1966 the NCASF testimonial dinner was held at the Hotel Astor, New York, New York. Various speakers praised the NCASF and the Soviet Union. The subject was the surprise guest artist and sang a protest song, a Russian folk song and a Yiddish folk song. The subject announced that he had been studying Russian for over a year.

C. Progressive Labor Party (PLP) (See Appendix)

On April 20, 1965, NY T-8 advised that the subject participated in a program for the benefit of five PLP people then in prison. This benefit was held on April 13, 1965 at the Renaissance Ballroom on West 138th Street, New York, New York. Various speakers decried the imprisonment of these people.

NY T-9 and NY T-10 reported on April 14, 1965 that on April 13, 1965, the subject performed at a function held by the Committee to Defend Resistance to Ghetto Life (CERGE) at 150 West 138th Street, New York, New York. Appeals were made for funds for the people in prison.

CERGE is mentioned in the appendix attached hereto.

D. "National Guardian" (See Appendix)

On September 20, 1965, NY T-11 and NY T-12 advised that the subject was among the entertainers performing at a picnic held by the "National Guardian" on Hawks Avenue, Ossining, New York, on September 18, 1965.

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E. Freedomways Associates, Incorporated (See Appendix)

NY T-13, NY T-14, NY T-15, NY T-16, NY T-17 and NY T-18 reported on April 26 through April 29, 1965 and May 4, 1965 that on April 22, 1965, the subject entertained at a function held at the Hotel Americana, New York, New York, which was sponsored by Freedomways.

F. Camp Webatuck (See Appendix)

NY T-19 made available information on August 25, 1965 reflecting that the subject received over \$160.00 from Camp Webatuck in August, 1965.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The person to be subpoenaed is Mr. BENJAMIN SLOAN, Assistant Treasurer, Bankers Trust Company, 1107 Broadway, New York, New York.

G. Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) (See Appendix)

NY T-20 reported on August 10, 1965 that a meeting of the CSJMS was held on August 4, 1965 at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. During the meeting, plans for future activities were discussed. It was stated that the possibility of securing the subject's services for entertainment at a function were being explored. The subject was not present.

On September 21, 1965, NY T-20 advised that a meeting of the CSJMS was held on September 15, 1965 at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. During this meeting, it was stated that the CSJMS had contacted the subject requesting him to provide entertainment for a dinner to be held in November but that the subject had not yet indicated his answer. The subject was not present.

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H. Greater New York Labor Press Club
(GNYLPC) (See Appendix)

On April 9, 1965, NY T-21 advised that at a meeting of the GNYLPC held on April 8, 1965, at Union Square West, New York, New York, plans for a May Day celebration were made. During this planning, it was announced that an attempt would be made to have the subject perform.

III. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

NY T-22 advised on April 14, 1965 that a "Teach-In" on Vietnam was held at the College of the City of New York (CCNY), New York, New York, on April 13, 1965 and April 14, 1965. Among the organizations sponsoring this function was the W.E.B. DuBois Club (DC) at CCNY and the CCNY Student Government. During this function, the subject sang several songs. Various speakers either criticized or defended the United States policies in Vietnam.

The DC is mentioned in the appendix attached hereto.

The "Evening News" of Beacon, New York, dated November 6, 1965, contained an article captioned "Knights Protest Seeger Concert". This article reported that the Knights of Columbus had, the previous night, adopted a resolution to protest the appearance of the subject at a later function. This action followed a previous comment by a Beacon pastor who pointed out that news stories had described the subject as having sung a "d" anti-American" Vietnamese song during a recent tour. The article added that the subject had frequently come under attack by the American Legion and other groups "because of alleged leftist associations".

The "Poughkeepsie Journal" of November 11, 1965, page 18, published in Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article captioned "Seeger Says Beacon Area is Hurt by Efforts to Block his Concert at School." This article reported that the subject made that claim regarding efforts to block his concert at Beacon High School scheduled for

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November 27, 1965 for the benefit of the Beacon Teachers Association. The article stated that some leaders of Veterans groups in the Beacon area and other organizations were reported as having protested his appearance and that a petition was presented to the Board of Education purportedly signed by 700 people asking that the concert be banned. The article stated that the subject flatly denied reports that he had sung anti-Vietnamese war songs in a recent concert tour of the Soviet Union. The article advised that the leaders of Veterans groups in Beacon in voicing their objections to the concert have raised the point that the subject once was cited for contempt by the HUAC for his refusal to testify in a New York City hearing in 1957 when the Committee was investigating possible communist influence in the entertainment field.

The "New York Times" of November 15, 1965, page 75, reported that the subject had made his television debut on Station WNJU-TV, Newark, New Jersey, on the previous Saturday night.

Through the use of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 1, 1966, it was ascertained that the subject does not have a regularly scheduled program on WNJU-TV, Newark, New Jersey.

On March 31, 1966, NY T-18 reported that a "Peace" parade and protest rally against the United States policies in Vietnam was held on Fifth Avenue and the Central Park Mall, New York, New York, on March 26, 1966. The subject participated in this function at Central Park Mall.

Page 47 of the "New York Post" of May 6, 1966 contains a column captioned "Folk Singer". This article described the subject as an experienced folk singer and reported that in the past twenty years, he has, in one way or another, been outlawed by Queens College, a Brooklyn Borough President, the Ohio State Fair, the Pittsburgh Young Mens Christian Association (YMCA), the Detroit Arts Commission, the ABC-TV Network, the Nyack Board of Trustees and his own hometown of Beacon, New York.

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According to the article these bans dated from 1955 when the subject was black listed by "Red Channels" and refused to answer 10 questions before the HUAC. He was later indicted and convicted for contempt of Congress, but the decision was reversed in 1962 by the United States Court of Appeals on the grounds that the Committee exceeded its authority.

The "Evening News" Beacon, New York, dated May 13, 1966, contained an article captioned "Pete Seeger Will Sing". This article reported that the Hudson Valley Committee Concert Association would present the subject at Wappingers Junior High School the following Saturday.

IV. FOREIGN TRAVEL

NY T-23 reported in August, 1965, that the subject had consulted with Soviet Union authorities in the United States during August, 1965 regarding the subject's proposed concert tour in the Soviet Union.

The "Poughkeepsie Journal" of September 8, 1965 contained an article captioned "Seeger Plans Foreign Tour". This article reported that the subject would depart the United States late in September to make a concert tour through France, England, Scotland and the Soviet Union.

NY T-24 advised in September, 1965, that during that month the subject was to depart the United States for England, Paris and Moscow, but did not intend to travel elsewhere.

Through the use of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 30, 1965, it was determined that the subject departed the United States for London, Paris, and the Soviet Union during the weekend of September 25, 1965 and was expected to return to the United States in late November, 1965.

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NY T-25, a confidential source abroad, reported on December 6, 1965, that the subject arrived in England from Paris, France, on September 28, 1965. He departed England for an unknown destination in October 4, 1965.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of October 25, 1965, page 25, columns four through seven, contains an article captioned "Singer Seeger's Sour Song in Soviet". This article reported that the subject had performed the previous day at Moscow University and sang songs of the protest movement in the United States against the Vietnam war. The subject was described as on a three week concert tour of the Soviet Union and as having previously sung in the Central Asian cities of Alma Ata, Frunze, Tashkent, Ashkhabad, Baku, Kazakh, Kirgiza, Uzbeki, Turkmen and Azerbaijan.

NY T-26, a confidential source abroad, reported on January 18, 1966, that the subject arrived at London, England, from France on October 29, 1965 and departed the United Kingdom at Prestwick, Scotland, for a unknown destination on November 7, 1965.

Page 6 of the "New York Times" of October 25, 1965 contains an article captioned "Seeger Critical In Moscow". This article datelined Moscow October 24 reported that the subject sang his first Moscow concert the previous night at Moscow University. He there sang a Vietnam protest ballad, explaining that he wanted to show Moscow University students the kind of songs being sung on college campuses in the United States.

By means of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on December 1, 1965, it was determined that the subject had returned to the United States during November, 1965.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Additional informants who have some knowledge of Communist Party and related activities in the New York City area reported in May, 1966, that they had no information regarding the subject or the subject's activities.

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APPENDIX

CAMP WEBATUCK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS
CAMP CALUMET; WINGDALE CAMP, INC.;
WINGDALE LODGE, INC.; CAMP UNITY;
WINGDALE ON THE LAKE

On May 27, 1953, a source advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the Communist Party (CP) since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

On April 24, 1956, a second source furnished an undated flyer entitled "The Wingdaler" published by Wingdale On The Lake. This flyer reflected that Wingdale On The Lake occupied the same site as was formerly occupied by Camp Unity.

On June 7, 1956, Mr. James J. Dwyer, Office of the Secretary of State, New York State, reviewed his records and advised Special Agent John Eugene Parsons that Wingdale Camp, Incorporated filed a certificate of Incorporation number 6036 with his department on February 9, 1956.

On April 27, 1956, a third source advised that regardless of the name it uses the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was and still is a joint operation of the National Office of the CP and the New York State CP.

On November 13, 1962, the third source above advised that the CP has taken complete control of the camp and the camp will be essentially a youth camp in the future.

The "National Guardian" December 6, 1962, contained an advertisement on page 10 entitled "Announcing Camp Webatuck."

The advertisement reflected the camp located at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York, is a camp for boys and girls from 7 to 16 plus.

The advertisement indicated that registrations for the camp could be made at its office, 505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 705, New York 17, New York, telephone number MU 7-0586.

On December 7, 1962, a suitable pretext call was placed to telephone number MU 7-0586.

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It was determined through conversation with an unknown male individual that Camp Webatuck is the new name for Camp Calumet formerly known as Wingdale Camp, Inc.; Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity; Wingdale On The Lake.

On May 17, 1965, a fourth source advised that the current office address of Camp Webatuck is 166 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

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Committee to Defend Resistance
to Ghetto Life (CERGE)

A source advised on February 3, 1965, that CERGE was formed on November 1, 1964, as a front of the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM), presently known as Progressive Labor Party (PLP). All personnel which comprise the committee are PLM members. CERGE was organized to raise funds for the PLM in order that the PLM will have money for bail when it becomes necessary. The people connected with CERGE hope to build it into a national organization.

A second source advised on March 5, 1965, that it is the plan of the PLM to recruit people into CERGE and use CERGE as a recruiting front for PLM members. The PLM plans to give instructions in Marxist philosophy and those who respond will be advanced from CERGE to PLM membership.

A third source advised on February 3, 1965, that CERGE receives mail through Abbott Business Service, a legitimate business operation, 147 West 42nd Street, New York, New York.

The first source advised on May 5, 1965, that CERGE maintains its office at Room 617, One Union Square, New York, New York.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL', the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 6, 1965, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Winter, 1965 issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. This issue lists JOHN HENRIK CLARKE as Associate Editor, ESTHER JACKSON as Managing Editor, and JOHN L. DEVINE as Art Editor of the publication.

A confidential source made available information on July 1, 1964, reflecting that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, reflecting that CLARKE is an "associate" of AIMS.

The Winter, 1963 issue of "Freedomways", Page 44, states that ESTHER JACKSON became one of the leaders of the Southern Negro Youth Congress (SNYC) which existed from 1937 to 1949.

The SNYC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to a confidential source, ESTHER JACKSON is the wife of JAMES JACKSON, whom the source identified on October 14, 1964, as being a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA).

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

APPENDIX

2.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

On July 24, 1963, a confidential source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA, by JAMES JACKSON.

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APPENDIXGREATER NEW YORK LABOR PRESS CLUB

A source advised on December 6, 1962, that the Greater New York Press Club (GNYPC) was formed during February, 1961, by LOUIS WEINSTOCK, when he was General Manager of "The Worker," by obtaining members who would contribute funds, subscribe to and work for "The Worker," and also to hold social and cultural affairs.

The source stated that in the Spring of 1962 JAMES LUSTIG was Business Manager of "The Worker." LUSTIG announced at a press club meeting at Adelphi Hall, New York City, held on April 26, 1962, the formation of a new press club known as the "City Press Club Executive Board" (CPCEB). The purpose of this new club was to coordinate the work of all the borough press clubs in the New York City area; to strengthen the work of the press clubs; to organize new press clubs; and to draw in people who were not members of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). The source stated that the basic purpose was to raise funds for "The Worker" and increase the circulation of that publication. Persons not members of the CPUSA could be members of the new club, but leadership in the club was limited to members of the CPUSA. The name of the CPCEB was later changed to "Greater City Press Club" (GCPC), which club became the successor of the GNYPC.

The source continued that in July, 1962, LOUIS WEINSTOCK again became General Manager of "The Worker" and the GCPC again became known as the "Greater New York Press Club" and was commonly referred to as the Greater New York Readers' Club, Greater New York Readers' Clubs, Greater New York Readers' Conference, Greater City Press Club, and the City Press Club by personnel responsible for preparation of notices and literature regarding meetings and activities of the clubs. The source advised at that time that the GNYPC had no office or headquarters and used the mailing address of "The Worker," 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

A second source advised on August 15, 1962, that the Greater New York Readers' Club was formerly known as the "Three Boro Readers' Club."

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APPENDIX

GREATER NEW YORK LABOR PRESS CLUB

The first source advised on May 28, 1963, that the GNYPC holds no membership meetings and that the officers had ceased to function for the GNYPC. The source advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was responsible for using the name of the GNYPC in conjunction with the activities of the Readers' Conferences at "Worker" functions. The organization of the GNYPC no longer functions.

The first source advised on April 21, 1964, that on March 31, 1964, about 50 members of the CPUSA met at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City. At this meeting JOE BRANDT, the Business Manager of "The Worker," advised that after consultation with the Editorial Board and other officials of "The Worker," it was decided to rebuild the GNYPC and to rename it the Greater New York Labor Press Club (GNYLPC). Those present at the meeting, without a dissenting vote, approved this decision.

A third source advised on April 29, 1964, that on the same date ERIC BERT, the Managing Editor of "The Worker," said that the GNYLPC is a group of individuals who, as volunteers, help support "The Worker" and aid in its distribution and circulation.

A fourth source advised on March 18, 1965, that on March 17, 1965, at a meeting of the GNYLPC held at the Hotel Woodstock, JOE BRANDT said that the main purpose of the GNYLPC is to increase and build a greater circulation for "The Worker."

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists."

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC).

A second source advised on June 28, 1965, that as of that date the NCAHUAC continued to function with headquarters at 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

APPENDIX

1.

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE aka

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

ROBERT RONSTADT, 20515 Tiara Street, Woodland Hills, California, a former member of the Communist Party (CP) in Los Angeles, California, from 1946 to 1952, who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1949 to 1952, advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a member of the Los Angeles County CP as of September, 1952.

A second source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA," (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

A third, fourth and fifth source have advised during March, 1962, that CP members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

A sixth source advised that at an Executive Board meeting of NYCAHUAC held January 7, 1965, a letter from NCAHUAC was read which disclosed that NYCAHUAC is no longer connected in any way with the NCAHUAC.

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NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE aka (CONT'D)

On April 15, 1966, the sixth source advised that the NYCAHUAC was dissolved on December 15, 1965. The sixth source stated that the NYCAHUAC had turned over all abolition work in the New York City area to the NCAHUAC who had established an organization in New York City known as the New York Friends of the NCAHUAC.

APPENDIX

1.

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)
PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT (PLM)

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the PLP, formerly known as the PLM, held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

"The New York Times", City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as MILTON ROSEN, New York, President, and WILLIAM EPTON of New York and MERT SCHEER of San Francisco, Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. ROSEN and Mr. SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes the Marxist-Leninist Quarterly, a theoretical magazine; "Progressive Labor" a monthly magazine; "Challenge", a New York City newspaper; and "Spark", a west coast newspaper.

The June 1, 1965, issue of "Challenge", page 6, states that, "this paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life- where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

The source advised that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 622, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS FOR ABOLITION
OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE, also known as Citizens
Committee to Preserve American Freedoms

A source advised on January 25, 1966, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF), 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, has changed its name to Southern Californians for Abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee. The change in name was voted on at a special meeting of the CCPAF Executive Board on January 8, 1966, subject to approval by all Executive Board members and local sustainers of the CCPAF. Approval was rendered by an overwhelming vote to adopt the new name of Southern Californians for Abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised, December 1, 1961, pp. 43-44, describes the CCPAF as follows:

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms * * * specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles in 1952, the front organization is run by FRANK WILKINSON an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time, paid post of executive secretary after approximately a year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings in Los Angeles, September 2-5, 1958, to inquire into the nature of the Party's recent reorganization in California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest the hearings and the very existence of the Committee. Communists subpoenaed as witnesses were guests of honor.

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"At this time, leaders of the party's Southern California District, were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman DOROTHY HEALEY in a report to the party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. HEALEY declared that the party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses could not appear beforehand at openly Communist rallies without creating the impression that the party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

(Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 259 on the Southern
California District of the Communist
Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8).

APPENDIX

1.

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternative."

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

As of October, 1965, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 954 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

Over the Labor Day week end, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois. According to a third source, a new slate of national officers was elected at this conference, which included Chairman HUGH STERLING FOWLER, II, (who, according to the third source, attended a CP cadre encampment held at Camp Midvale, New Jersey, in June, 1965, and following his election as Chairman of the DCA, attended another national CP cadre youth conference held on September 9-12, 1965, on a farm located in Northern Indiana, according to a fourth source); Director of Publicity CARL ELLENGER BLOICE (who was elected to the San Francisco County Committee CP in April, 1964, according to a fifth source); Educational Director MATTHEW "DYNAMITE" HALLINAN (who in June, 1964, was stated to be the Youth Representative on the Northern California CP District Board, according to a sixth source); Organizational Secretary TERENCE "KAYO" HALLINAN (who, according to a seventh source, met in June, 1965, with the District Staff of the Illinois CP to discuss the proposed DCA Midwest Summer Project), and Treasurer SUSAN PHYLLIS BORENSTEIN (who, according to an eighth source, has attended meetings of the Youth Club of the CP of Illinois during 1965, in connection with the DCA Summer Project).

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845

Director NYfile 100-83801

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, NYC

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New York, New York

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Title Peter Seegar

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Reference is made to the New York report of Special Agent John Lee Gill, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Insufficient contact had been had with NY T-9 to ascertain his reliability.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/12/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

(100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER

SOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)☐ Post and destroy
☒ File

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/14/66

Reason for the delinquency: Priority of other deadlines.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 6/14/66

AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)☐ No administrative action necessary.

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Findlay, O.
4/15/66

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

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my
letter of the 1st inst. regarding the singer
Pete Seegar. Since the names of Communists

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Sincerely yours - Al

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CORRESPONDENCE

PETE SEEGAR

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

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of the 1st inst. regarding the singer Pete Seegar. Since the names of Communists have been made known & published frequently, especially when one is an avowed communist - as was stated of Mr. Seegar - it would be a matter of public record - would it not?

Therefore I assume that since it would be of public record ~~that~~ ^{also} you would have it in your files + releasing it would not be a violation of secrecy. Therefore J. E. D. he evidently is not an avowed communist. Would you agree?

Sincerely yours - *Al*

Helene S. Monroe

1731 S Main St

FINDLAY, OH IO

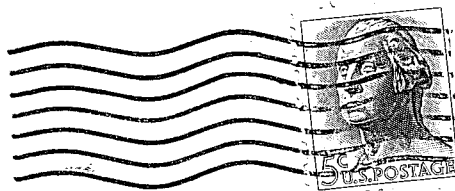
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PETE SEEGAR

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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PETE SEEGAR

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April 6, 1966

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Mrs. Helen S. Monce
1731 South Main Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Dear Mrs. Monce:

Your letter of April 1st has been received.

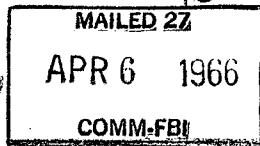
In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is known in Bufiles as Mrs. H. J. Monce. The Director sent her a letter on 4-2-65 regarding an inquiry concerning Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. During 1955 her name appeared on a list of individuals who were members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. This group has been the object of Internal Security - C investigation. Peter Seeger is on the security index of the New York Office, and reportedly he was a member of the Communist Party from 1947 to 1949.

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Findlay, O.
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation:
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

I have just been told that Pete Seeger, the "folk songs" singer is an avowed Communist. Will you please let me know the facts.

Sincerely yours-

/s/

Helen S. Monce
1731 S. Main St-

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation:
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen,

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Will you please let me know the facts.

Sincerely yours -
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1731 S. Main St.

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March 4, 1966

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Miss Claudette M. Livingston
5717 North Austin Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646

Dear Miss Livingston:

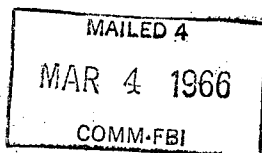
Your letter of March 1st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, 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. In addition, data in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire.

Your concern about communism is understandable, and your desire to learn more regarding the nature of this menace is reassuring. A broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. In this connection, I am enclosing some literature which contains suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil. Perhaps you may wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Miss Claudette M. Livingston

The Faith of Free Men
Communism--The Incredible Swindle
Counterintelligence Activities
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in God -- Our Answer To Communism"

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. The American Friends Service Committee has pacifist policies which occasionally parallel the aims of the Communist Party line; however, it has not been investigated by the Bureau, and it is a Quaker organization. Pete Seeger is a well-known singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter-C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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Claudette M. Livingston
5717 North Austin Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646

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

To whom it May Concern:

I am interested in obtaining your official opinion of the American Friends Service Committee because they are sponsoring a concert given by Pete Seeger very soon in Chicago, and I've heard - only heard - things about this group, which cause me great concern. I would like to know your opinion of them & I have an idea my doubts about them will be justified.

I am deeply concerned about the growing cancer of communism in this country, and I believe every citizen should be as well informed as it is possible to be.

Pete Seeger's activities in recent days have lowered my opinion of him & he is in a position to be very influential to large groups of young people.

At any rate, I would appreciate any information regarding this group.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

/s/ Claudette M. Livingston

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1/20/66

FROM *jm* LEGAT, LONDON (100-2101) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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There are enclosed four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available

[redacted] who is T-1 in the enclosure.

As there are no further leads outstanding, this case is being placed in an RUC status.

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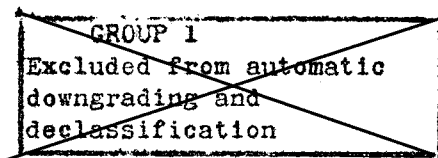
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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PETER SEEGER

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on January 18, 1966, that subject arrived in England at London Airport from France on October 29, 1965, and departed the United Kingdom at Prestwick, Scotland for an unstated destination on November 7, 1965. During his stay in England he did not come to T-1's attention in any derogatory connection.



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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 1-19-66
Attention:
FROM : *muprep* Legat, Paris (100-1871) (RUC)
SUBJECT: *0* PETER SEEGER
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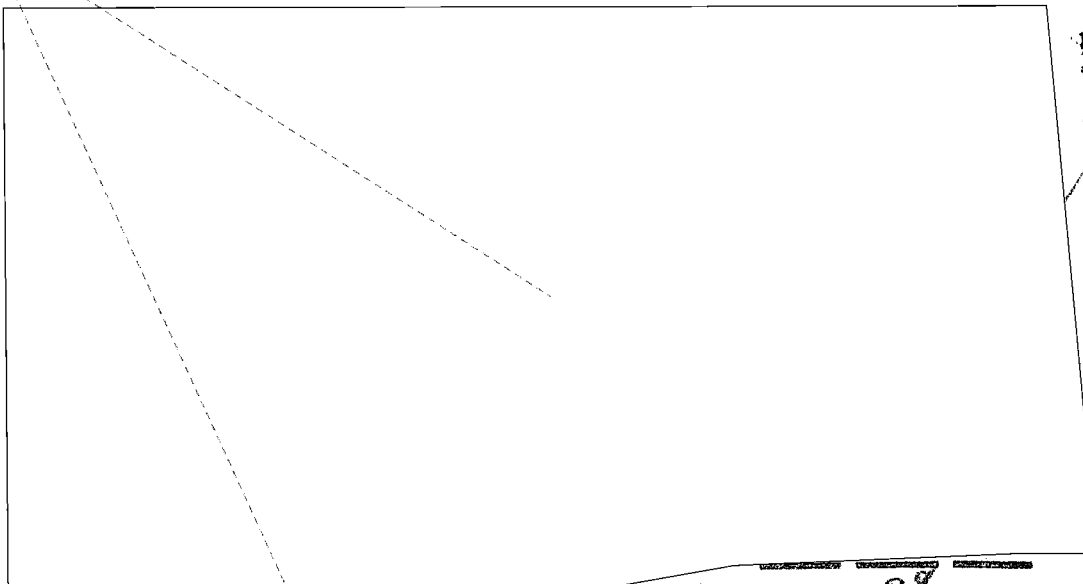
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Remarks: *[redacted]* advised on 12-16-65
that *[redacted]* contained no information on subject.
Our other sources are alert to our interest in subject
and until further information is received this case
is being placed in an RUC status.

3 - Bureau (1 - Liaison Section
1 - New York, 100-83801, for info.)

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/14/65

FROM : Legat, London (100-2101) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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ReBulet 10/22/65 to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, and attached LHM 10/8/65, New York, both captioned as above.



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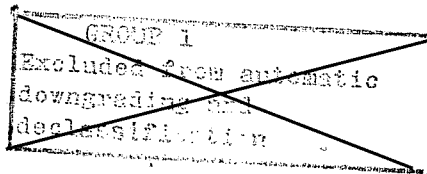
PETER SEEGER

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on December 2, 1965, that the subject arrived in England from Paris, France, on September 28, 1965. He departed from England for an unknown destination on October 4, 1965.

T-1 advised that Seeger did not come to adverse notice during his stay in England.

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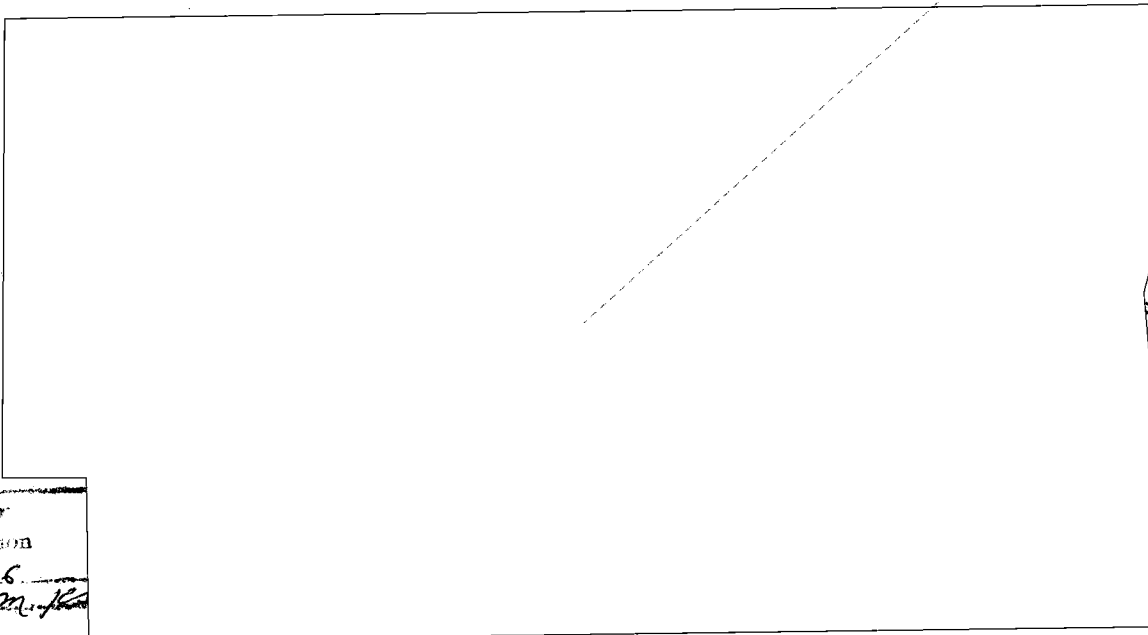
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Reference Bonn letter to Bureau, 9-29-65.



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Handwritten letter follows:

"Could Broadcast magazine (215 W. 98th St.) print
your song, 'We don't Stand Alone'?"

"Also, have you a tune?"

"JIM ARONSON sent it to me."

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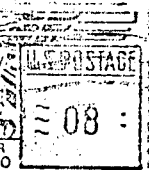
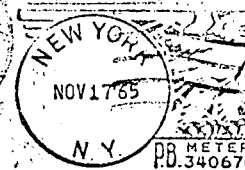
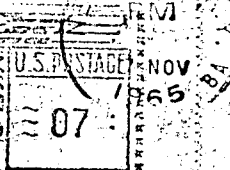
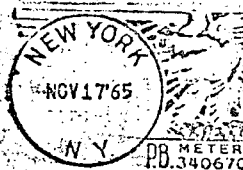
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VIA AIR MAIL

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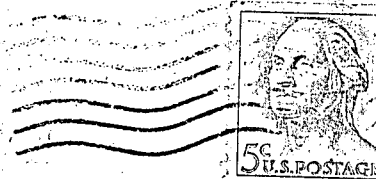
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Edith Anderson
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197 E, 4 St
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Dear Edith -

Could Broadcast magazine (215 W. 98 St.)
print your song "We don't stand alone" ?

Also, have you a tune ?

Jim Aronson sent it to me -

Sincerely

Pete Seeger

Rm 1304

200 W. 57 St.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/3/65

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT:

PETER SEEGER
SM-C
(OO:NY)

Reference is made to the New York LHM, 10/8/65.

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of a LHM pertaining to subject's return from abroad.

SA DENNIS B. CASEY made the pretext on 12/1/65, when he contacted the office of HAROLD LEVENTHAL, Agent for the subject. The secretary to LEVENTHAL advised that the subject has returned from a European tour but is booked for personal appearances until next year.

Inasmuch as this was the only outstanding lead in the NYO, this case is being placed in a closed status.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
December 3, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bu 100-200845
NY 100-83801

Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the New York memorandum captioned as above, and dated October 8, 1965.

The November 15, 1965, issue of the "New York Times" contained an article on page 75 entitled "TV: Pete Seeger Makes Belated Debut". The article goes on to state that the subject made a long overdue TV debut on the previous Saturday.

Through the use of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on December 1, 1965, it was determined that the subject returned to the United States during the early part of November, 1965.

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November 24, 1965

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Mrs. Maxine Luehmann
Fulda, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Luehmann:

Your letter of November 16th was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city.

With respect to your inquiries, he asked me to advise you that information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

It is a matter of public record, however, that on May 18, 1962, the United States Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of Pete Seeger for contempt of Congress in refusing to answer questions regarding infiltration in the field of entertainment before a Subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the indictment order was dismissed.

The Internal Security Act of 1950 requires all members of the Communist Party to register with the Attorney General of the United States. A decision of the Supreme Court on November 15, 1965, however, renders the registration provision of the Act unenforceable in that the Government cannot enforce members of the Communist Party, USA, to register if they rely on the Fifth Amendment privilege against self incrimination as the basis for refusal to register.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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Tele. Room _____

1 - Minneapolis - Enclosure
NOTE: Correspondent, and Phyllis Reynolds Naylor are not identifiable in Bufiles.
Inasmuch as correspondent's communication appears to be of a controversial tenor, it is felt that a reply over Miss Gandy's signature is warranted.

DFC:djg (4)

Fulda, Minnesota
November 16, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you for a two-fold reason. One---as a parent, I feel that it is both my right and my duty to be informed to the fullest extent concerning those individuals who seem called upon to "educate" my children. There seems to be times when "indoctrination" more aptly describes the process! Two---the second concern that I have is that I be fair in my judgments of the "teacher." I have set aside the word "teacher" thus not to cast doubts but, rather, to indicate that teaching, per se, is not confined to the school room. For example; authors "teach", folk singers "teach", etc. As I see it, it is difficult, if not impossible to control the nature of the didactical material used in this style of teaching. Again, the problem is compounded because the subject matter is not necessarily related to the complete subject. It may, and often is, concerned only with one aspect of a given subject. When the subject matter is controversial in nature, there then exists the problem of a personal opinion being projected as "fact." It can be seen that I would not choose to have an atheist, avowed or otherwise, instruct my child in matters of faith. Again, I would not consider Gus Hall a fit "teacher" to instruct in the matter of conservatism.

In particular, then, my present concern addresses itself to the problem of propriety when choosing "teachers" to address youth in areas outside of the formal school systems. I have misgivings concerning two such individuals---Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and Pete Seeger. I would be pleased if you were to tell me that my fears are quite ungrounded.

I do not know what qualifications author Naylor possesses that permits her to pontificate upon the subject of "extremism." I note with some interest, however, that her only attack is upon the "hysterical" right. Of her background I know very little. She is a resident of the state of Maryland. She prefaced her short story in a youth magazine, "Sweet Freedom's Song," with these remarks: "I have joined civil rights picket lines...My husband has attended private meetings of the White Citizen's Council here

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in order to expose their activities to the press." Her slanted teaching persuades me that I would like to know something of her background. The argument from silence would seem to indicate that she has no particular fears concerning the radical left, or, possibly even Communism. At any rate, she chose not to include these facets of "extremism" in what she termed "one of the most frightening stories I have ever written."

Pete Seeger seems to have become something of a hero and a martyr since an appeal reversed a conviction for contempt of Congress. I read, for example, in a youth magazine, that in 1955 the House Un-American Activities Committee had an "openly belligerent attitude" toward Seeger which attitude "finally caused him (Seeger) to fall silent." Further, "Seeger was cleared of any charges." Moreover, I read: "It should be stressed that at no time had he been charged with Communist affiliations in a court of law."

My questions are:

1. Is there any evidence that Seeger ever was, or is now, a member or supporter of any Communist front or cause?
2. Was Seeger cleared by the court of any charges of Communist connections or was he merely freed of contempt charges?
3. Is anyone ever charged in a court of law with having Communist connections or is this a specious argument --- that which is commonly known as "beating a straw man?"

Respectfully,

Mrs. Marie Luchmann

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11/5/65

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: **PETER SEEGER, FOLK SINGER**
OAK PUBLICATIONS, NEW YORK CITY
C. A. ASTLE, CAMPBELL MUSIC COMPANY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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This afternoon C. A. ~~Astle~~ ^{INFT.} General Sales Manager of Campbell Music Company, 1108 G Street, Northwest, telephoned the Bureau and said he had telephoned Bureau Headquarters because he had some music books which appeared to be communistic. He inquired if we wanted to take a look at them. Two Agents of the Washington Field Office called on Mr. Astle immediately at the music store.

Mr. Astle gave to the Agents three song books entitled "Lift Every Voice" with an introduction by Paul Robeson; another book called "The Bells of Rhymney, and others songs from the singing of Pete Seeger" and "Broadside." These are Oak Publications, New York City.

Several folk songs within them have to do with "The Committee For Non-violent Action" and bear such titles as "Study War No More," and "I'm Going to Lay Down My Sword and Shield."

Pete Seeger is the folk singer who has risen to prominence as a recent protest singer. He is strictly no good.

DEVELOPMENT:

At 4:10 p.m. today Roy Ahrens of the Washington Post telephoned and talked to Wick. He said he understood two FBI men had seized subversive folk music at the Campbell Music Company this afternoon from a Mr. Astle. He said the Agents took three albums away with them. Ahrens said he wanted to talk to the Agents or to get what comment we had.

I had Wick call SAC Purvis who advised that as a patriotic citizen Astle had supplied us with this information because he believed the music possibly subversive. Purvis said he determined from Mr. Astle that reporter Ahrens had

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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DeLoach to Mohr memo
RE: PETER SEEGER, FOLK SINGER

come in to see Mr. Astle after the FBI had left this afternoon. The reporter asked why did the FBI come in, did he call them in, who were they investigating, what did the FBI take from the store, etc. Mr. Astle doubted whether Ahrens was a reporter, and he called the Post and determined he was. Astle then told the reporter that this whole matter was the Campbell Music Company's business and he proposed to keep it that way. He told the reporter nothing. The reporter then demanded to see Mr. Campbell, owner of the music store and Astle told him he was too busy to see the reporter.

Astel asked reporter Ahrens where he got his information and he said he had an anonymous phone call. Astel surmizes that one of the Campbell Music Company's employees tipped off the Washington Post to the matter.

ACTION TAKEN:

I had Wick call Roy Ahrens at the Washington Post at 5:10 p.m. informing him the FBI had no comment to make. Ahrens said he assumed from that that the men were FBI men. Wick told him he was at liberty to assume anything he wished, that we had no comment to make one way or the other. SAC Purvis of the Washington Field Office advised that Mr. Astle will continue to tell the Post absolutely nothing of this matter since he regards it as Campbell Music Company business.

RECOMMENDATION:

For record purposes.

gpc *PMW* *A*

FBI Checks Folk Songs —Then Mum's Word

By Leroy F. Aarons
Washington Post Staff Writer

Two FBI agents took an interest yesterday in a line of folk music books—including social protest songs—on sale at Campbell's Music Co., Inc., 1108 G st. nw.

C. A. Astle, general manager, said yesterday the two men, showing FBI identification, visited him yesterday afternoon. After a brief conversation they took with them three songbooks published by Oak Publications, of New York City, and a combined record album-guitar instruction book.

On his desk yesterday Astle had six or seven different Oak publications, including Negro songs of Alabama, Scottish folk songs, songs by Peggy Seeger, (half-sister of folksinger Pete Seeger) and a "People's Song Book," containing mostly union songs.

Astle refused to give any details and would not identify the books. He said only that the three songbooks were "not in keeping with the

Campbell image" and added that he had all copies of them removed from the shelves. He said other Oak publications were being reviewed.

The FBI had no comment. From other sources it was learned that the Campbell firm asked the FBI to look at the material.

An employee of Campbell's sheet music department said that about six months ago a customer had complained about the contents of three of the books and they had been returned to the Oak company. She remembered one of the books was "We

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Shall Overcome," a collection of civil rights freedom songs.

"We Shall Overcome." was compiled by Guy Carawan and his wife, both active in militant civil rights causes, for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

The Campbell employe said the songs in the three rejected books were "distasteful" and that they concerned "civil rights and then some."

A nearby stationery store and two music stores that stock Oak Publications said yesterday they had had no inquiries about them.

Oak is the largest publisher of folk music material in the field. Their catalogue ranges from traditional British to blues, and contains a heavy larding of civil rights, union and contemporary social protest songs.

Oak's two owners, Irwin Silber and Moses Asch, are also the principal owners of "Sing Out!" considered the definitive folk song magazine. "Sing Out!" regularly prints articles and songs about the pacifist movement by such people as Bob Dylan and Pete Seeger, an editor and part-owner of the magazine.

Silber said yesterday he had no knowledge of an investigation of his firm. Nor did he recall that any Washington outlet had returned some of the books.

Silber was questioned in 1958 by the House Un-American Activities Committee regarding left-wing connections. He refused to answer claiming the protection of the First Amendment.

Seeger, a well-known folk singer who published song books with Oak, was cited for contempt by the Committee about ten years ago, but an appeals court threw out the case.

Seeger, whose father is Charles Seeger, prominent folklorist and collector, refused in 1954 to tell the Committee whether he was then or ever had been a Communist. He was cited for contempt in July, 1956, and cleared in May, 1962. His troubles with the House Committee affected his career, however, and prevented his appearance on network television shows.

Seeger was a founder of the popular folksinging group, The Weavers. His half-brother, Mike, is also a folksinger. The Seegers lived in the Washington area several years ago.

(SC) 100-200845-163

October 22, 1965

Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

RE: **PETER SEEGER**
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns captioned subject(s) who is (are) believed to be traveling abroad or planning to travel abroad.

1. ☒ The matter has been referred to the Legal Attache(s) at ~~London and Paris~~ for contact with appropriate security services to receive any pertinent information they may develop while in the area covered by the Legal Attache(s).

This Bureau would appreciate any pertinent information the Department of State or the Central Intelligence Agency may receive regarding subject(s) while abroad.

2. ☒ Reports concerning the subject(s) have been previously furnished to the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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	Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

☒ Legal Attache(s) - Enc.

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☒ Office of Origin **New York (100-83801)**

Foreign Liaison Unit
Attention Legat(s) and Office of Origin:

Legat(s) will alert sources so as to receive pertinent information regarding subject, including advance information concerning travel plans to other countries. Notify CIA and appropriate Legat(s) of such travel plans. Information in enclosures may be furnished your sources. Subject ☒ is, ☐ is not on Security Index. Office of origin will verify travel if subject has not already left and will be alert for return from abroad, notifying Bureau by appropriate letterhead memorandum.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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DATE: 10/8/65

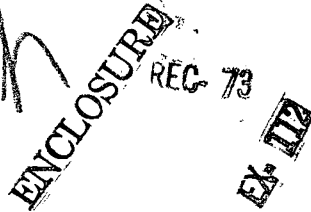
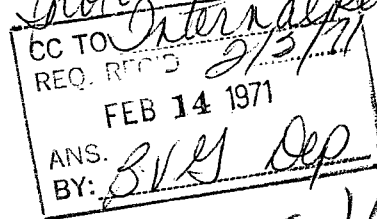
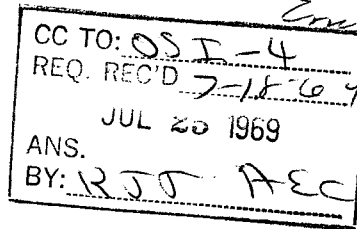
Reference is made to the New York report of SA JOHN LEE GILL, 5/14/65, and to the New York LHM dated 6/26/64.

Enclosed, herewith, are the original and 5 copies of a LHM pertaining to additional foreign travel on the part of the subject. Previous LHM has been submitted reflecting subject's subversive activities as well as his foreign travel.

SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY made the pretext on 9/30/65, when he contacted the secretary of HAROLD LEVENTHAL, agent for the subject. Pretext utilized was that of attempting to obtain a booking for the subject at a social affair to be held in October, 1965.

The NYO will continue to follow and report the subject's travel outside the United States and will verify his return to the US in November, 1965.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
October 8, 1965

Bufile 100-200845
NYfile 100-83801

Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the New York memorandum captioned as above, and dated June 26, 1964.

The September 8, 1965, issue of the Poughkeepsie, New York Journal contained an article entitled, "Seeger Plans Foreign Tour". The article goes on to say that Folk singer Pete Seeger, Dutchess Junction, Town of Fishkill, will leave the United States late this month to make a concert tour through France, England, Scotland and the Soviet Union.

Through the use of a pretext made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 30, 1965, it was determined that the subject departed the United States for London, Paris, and the Soviet Union the weekend of September 25, 1965, and was expected to return to the United States during the latter part of November, 1965.

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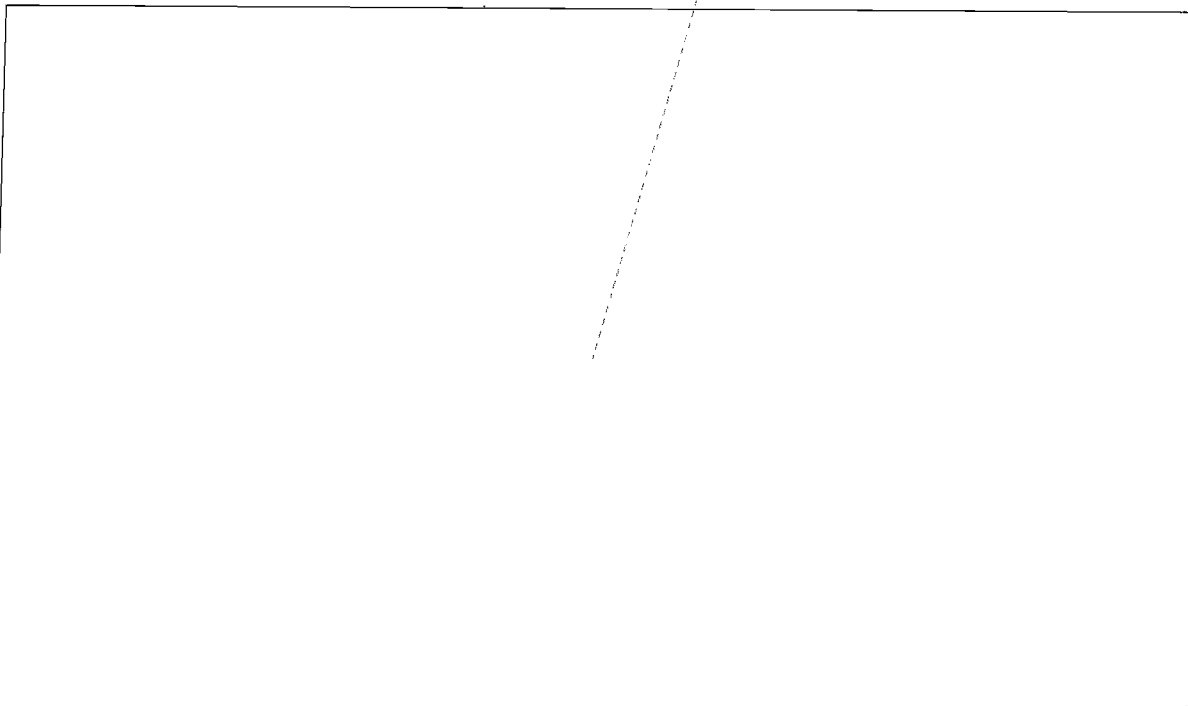
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DATE: 9-29-65

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SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Dated

Recd.

Addressee

Addressor

9-13-65

9-23-65

Mr. Perry ~~Friedman~~
~~Berlin Friedrichsfelde~~
~~Volkradstrasse 36~~
~~Berlin, Germany~~

Signed "Pete" ~~Seeger~~
 Letterhead:
 Toshi and Peter
~~Seeger~~
 Box 431
 Beacon, N. Y. 12508

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In a postscript, the subject states: "Toshi and I leave here September 25th and go to England, Paris, and Moscow, but unfortunately, no time to stop anywhere else." Legat, London, was advised of the substance of the postscript by telephone on 9-24-65.

Perry Friedman is the brother of ~~Searle Friedman~~, and both are known to the Bureau. *Per*

U.S.A.
Subject tells addressee "Yes, of course you may use what I sent Victor for your magazine." This Victor cannot be identified, but he may be identical with Victor Grossman (Bufile: 100-359527).

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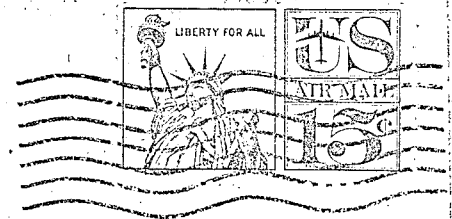
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BEACON, N. Y. 12508
Box 431



Mr. Perry Friedman
Berlin Friedrichsfelde
Volkradstrasse 35
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431
BEACON, N. Y. 12508

September 13, 1965

Dear Perry,

I hope this is the right address for you. Inside your letter you had one address and on the outside envelope, another. Come to think of it, I'll try sending the carbon copy to the other address.

Yes, of course you may use what I sent Victor for your magazine.

Concerning the word: "tradition". At this late age of 46, I've come to the opinion that the best way to treat it, is to make people realize that there are many traditions in the world. Some of them are like bad habits and are best gotten rid of; but others are good habits and are best kept. Furthermore, of the good habits worth keeping, there are many different ones and they don't all have to agree with each other. This is why I put in one of my songs, the old song from Mark Twain: "Long live difference of opinion". Its difference of opinion that makes horse races. "

Now, let me know what I can send you. Do you get Sing Out Magazine regularly? Do you get the New York Broadside Magazine regularly? Are you able to get any of the new songbooks that are being put out, not only in America but in England? Not all of them are of equal value of course, but I think we can learn from them.

Now I have to run; looking forward to hearing from you. As ever,

Hastily,



P.S. Toshi and I leave here September 25th and go to England, Paris and Moscow, but unfortunately, no time to stop anywhere else.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-27-65

FROM : Mr. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON (R-CAL.) - SAN DIEGO
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
PETE SEEGER

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In my memo to you dated 7-22-65, captioned as above, it was pointed out that Congressman Wilson wrote us on 7-20-65 requesting information of folk singer Pete Seeger. Information obtained from confidential sources was set out in that memo showing Seeger's membership in the Communist Party.

It was recommended that someone in your office contact Congressman Wilson and orally furnish him some of this information concerning Seeger. In response to this recommendation the Director noted, "I want to stop this persistent use of orally dealing with persons. Write a letter to Wilson. H."

Of course, we will comply with the Director's desires in this matter and attached is a letter to Congressman Wilson. Since the Bureau would lose control over this letter once it is delivered to Congressman Wilson, it would not be in the best interest of the Bureau to include in this letter the communist background on Seeger which was obtained from a confidential source. Therefore, it is felt that the attached letter should be personally delivered by you, Mr. DeLoach, to Congressman Wilson at which time you would confidentially advise him of the communist background on Seeger. You may also want to suggest that Congressman Wilson could possibly obtain additional information on Seeger from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as indicated in attached letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you, Mr. DeLoach, personally deliver the attached letter to Congressman Wilson and brief him along the lines suggested above.

Enclosure - Sent

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Morrell - Enclosure

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FOR APPROVAL
7-28-65

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-22-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON (R-CAL.) - **SAN DIEGO**
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
PETE SEEGER

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By letter of 7-20-65, Congressman Wilson, with whom we have enjoyed friendly contacts, mostly of a constituent nature, requested information on folk singer Pete Seeger.

Summary x
Our files reveal that Peter Seeger was born on 5-3-19 in New York City. He attended Harvard University from 1936 to 1938, but did not graduate. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on 7-24-42 and was honorably discharged on 12-14-45.

Information received from confidential sources revealed that Seeger was reportedly a Communist Party member from 1947 to 1949. He was identified as a Communist Party member active in the Music II Communist Party Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. During period of 1940 to 1957, Seeger appeared as entertainer at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Department of Justice of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. On July 25, 1956, Seeger cited for contempt by House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-200845-122)

He was indicted in March, 1957, by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York charging contempt of Congress. He was found guilty in March, 1961, and sentenced to a year in prison in April, 1961, on each of the ten counts, sentence to run concurrently. In May, 1962, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of Seeger and dismissed the indictment on the grounds that it was defective and that it did not sufficiently set out the authority for the Congressional Committee's inquiry. (100-340922)

Some of our most recent data regarding Seeger concerns an undated press release distributed by the American Youth Festival Committee in which Seeger urges attendance at the IX World Youth Festival which was to be held in Algiers, Algeria, in August, 1965, but which has been canceled. (100-443127)

Seeger is on the Security Index of our New York Office.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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7-23-65

M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON (R-CAL.)

OBSERVATION:

In view of the friendly relations that we enjoy with Congressman Wilson, you may wish to have someone in your (Mr. DeLoach) office contact him and orally furnish him some of the above indicated data on Seeger.

RECOMMENDATION:

That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach) office contact Congressman Wilson and orally furnish him some of this information regarding Seeger.

I want to stop
this persistent
use of orally dealing
with persons. Write
a letter to Wilson.

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July 28, 1965

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Honorable Bob Wilson
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have read your letter of July 20th in which
you requested information on folk singer Pete Seeger.

While I would like to be of assistance,
information contained in the files of the FBI must be main-
tained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department
of Justice. However, you may wish to contact the House
Committee on Un-American Activities for any information
it may have on Mr. Seeger.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Morrell (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo, dated 7-27-65, captioned
"Congressman Bob Wilson (R-Cal.) - San Diego, Request For Information
Regarding Pete Seeger."

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BOB WILSON
36TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
(SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

EDGAR M. GILLENWATERS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

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

July 20, 1965

Opp.
Gentlemen:

It would be appreciated if you would provide us
with information on folk singer, Pete Seeger.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Bob Wilson
Member of Congress

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

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Date: 8/6/65

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-36408)

PETER SEEGER

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(OO: NY)

Rebuairtel to Boston dated 8/5/65.

Lead for Boston set out in NYlet to Boston 7/26/65
covered and reported in Boston letter to Bureau dated 8/3/65,
copies designated for New York.

3 - Bureau (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-39109) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(100-NY)

Rebulet to New York 7/12/65.

100-373264

HERMAN E. THOMAS, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pa., phone 435-9121, is self-employed, operating Herjeans Frozen Foods, Inc., 228 Tilghman Street, Allentown, phone 434-3963.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

THOMAS [redacted] advised SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN on 7/14/65 that he would testify before any Governmental agency or committee concerning his knowledge of subject's Communist Party activities, if it would assist this Government.

THOMAS was a member of the Lehigh Valley Section of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) as an FBI informant for approximately ten years, prior to his testimony as a Government witness in 5/64 in the case entitled, "United States versus JOSEPH KUZMA, ET AL," tried in the USDC, EDPa.

On 7/15/65 THOMAS stated he had no direct knowledge

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- 3 - Bureau (100-200845) RM
- 1 - New York (100-83801) (Info) RM
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-39109)

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that subject was a former member of the CP of New York.

He recalled, after his memory was refreshed, that on 9/9/49 he attended a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Section Committee of the CPEPD held at the residence of IRVING RISKIN, 428 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa. Mother ELLA REEVE BLOOR, described by THOMAS as a charter member of the CPUSA, also attended this same meeting and told THOMAS at the meeting that subject was a member of the CP in New York. No details. (Philadelphia file 66-1968-Sub A-453).

THOMAS also recalled seeing subject at a picnic held 7/4/48 at April Farms near Quakertown, Pa., honoring Mother ELLA REEVE BLOOR.

According to an article in the "Daily Worker" on 10/17/43 and "The Worker" dated 5/20/64, ELLA REEVE BLOOR, now deceased, was post-State Chairman of the CP of Pennsylvania and a member of the National Committee of the Communist Political Association.

THOMAS felt he had seen the subject on at least one or two other occasions; however, he cannot now recall any details.

Philadelphia has no objection to furnishing THOMAS' identity to MR. FRANK MC NAMARA, Director, HCUA.

*no - he
has no
direct knowledge
of subject's
CP membership
ppt*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
DATE: 8/12/65
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Hanning
1 - Mr. Donohue
1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Franck

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Mr. Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), requested whether or not the Bureau could supply the HCUA with the names of any individuals who would be in a position to definitely place the subject in the Communist Party (CP) in the event the HCUA calls the subject before it at sometime in the future.

A review of Bureau files and investigation by our New York, Boston and Philadelphia Offices has determined that three former informants, former [redacted] Louis F. Budenz and John Lautner, furnished information in the past which placed the subject in the CP.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Former [redacted] on 4/30/53 identified subject as a CP member active in the Music Number 2 Section of the CP during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. This informant has informed our New York Office that he will refuse to testify in any proceedings.

Louis F. Budenz, 196 Allston Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island, has advised that he does not specifically recall the information he originally furnished regarding the subject but vaguely remembers that subject was a member of the CP in 1949. Budenz cannot recall his source of information concerning this matter and requested that his name be kept confidential and not revealed due to the fact that Budenz has a very serious heart ailment and is under doctor's restriction regarding any travel. Budenz emphasized that he cannot testify in any matter nor does he desire that his name be revealed to anyone.

John Lautner, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, CP, who was expelled in January, 1950, from the CP, stated on 12/13/54 that he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. Lautner was recontacted 7/26/65 at which time he advised

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: PETER SEEGER
100-200845

he could testify as to subject's CP membership during the late 1940's. The New York Office has recommended that John Lautner's name be made available to Mr. McNamara, Director, HCUA.

ACTION:

It is recommended that Mr. DeLoach's office furnish Mr. Frank McNamara John Lautner's name as a person who can testify to subject's CP membership as set forth above.

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*to One McNamara
Handled by me
WJ*

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-437041)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-147372)

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY
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(OO: New York)

Re Louisville letter to the Bureau, 7/19/65
captioned as above.

For the information of Louisville, PETER SEEGER
aka Pete Seeger, Peter Seegar, and Peter Bowes is a
Security Index subject of the NYO, New York file 100-83801,
Bufile 100-200845.

SEEGER resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New
York, and is self-employed as a folk singer and banjo player.
He was born 5/3/19 in New York City, and is married to EILEEN
TOSHIOHTA SEEGER.

On 6/30/50, LOUIS F. BUDENZ, an admitted former
CP functionary and Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker"
advised that PETER SEEGER was a member of the CP in 1949.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 4/30/53, former [redacted] (reliable) identified
PETER SEEGER as a CP member active in the Music II
Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950.

PETER SEEGER appeared before the House Committee
on Un-American Activities in August, 1955 and refused to
discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56
SEEGER was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives
for his refusal to answer questions before the HCUA.

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2-Louisville (100-4625)(RM)
1-New York (100-83801)(PETER SEEGER)
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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hanning
1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Franck

To: SAC, Boston
From: Director, FBI (100-200845)

PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Enclosed for Boston's information is one copy of New York letter to the Bureau 7/26/65 captioned as above.

Relet indicates that Boston Office, by separate New York communication, has been requested to contact Louis F. Budenz concerning captioned subject's Communist Party membership and to furnish that data as well as your recommendation concerning whether Budenz' name should be made available to Mr. Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Boston is instructed to give this matter the most expeditious attention and to immediately advise the Bureau by return airtel of the status of this lead.

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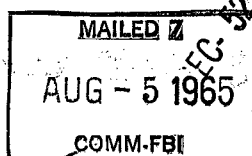
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NOTE:

Subject's name is included in the Security Index. Mr. McNamara has requested the Bureau to supply the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) with names of any individuals who would be in a position to definitely place the subject in the Communist Party (CP) in the event the HCUA calls the subject before it sometime in the future. Budenz has previously furnished information that subject was a CP member.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-36408)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C
(OO: New York)

DATE: August 3, 1965

Re New York letter dated July 26, 1965, and Bureau contact to New York Office on July 26, 1965.

On August 2, 1965, LOUIS BUDENZ, 196 Allston Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island, who desires his name be kept confidential, advised SA JOSEPH A. OXLEY that he did not specifically recall the information he furnished regarding PETER SEEGER or from whom he got the information, but he vaguely remembered that SEEGER was a member of the Communist Party in 1949. He did not recall the source of his information but said it could have been any one of the Communist Party leaders in New York because it was a commonly known fact among the Communist Party leaders that SEEGER was an ardent supporter and member of the Communist Party and was considered a definite asset to that organization by the leaders.

When shown a photograph of SEEGER, he identified him as the PETER SEEGER he was referring to as being a member of the Communist Party in 1949.

Mr. BUDENZ requested that his name be kept confidential and not revealed and due to the fact that he has a very serious heart ailment and is under doctor's restrictions regarding any great travel, he said he cannot testify in any matter and will not appear, nor does he desire that his name be revealed to anyone.

Because of Mr. BUDENZ' desire that his name be kept confidential and because of his serious heart ailment, it is the recommendation of the Boston Office that Mr. BUDENZ' name not be made available to Mr. MC NAMARA of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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- ② - Bureau (100-200845)(RM)
 - 2 - New York (100-83801)(RM)
 - 1 - Boston (100-36408)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)(P)

DATE: July 26, 1965

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rebulet 7-12-65.

The following investigation was conducted pursuant to instructions as set forth in referenced Bureau letter:

Former [redacted] who, on April 30, 1953, identified PETE SEEGER as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950, advised on July 2, 1965, that he would not testify in any proceeding.

JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, CP, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, and who on December 13, 1954, stated he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. JOHN LAUTNER was contacted by SA JOHN E. GORDON on July 26, 1965 and advised that he could testify before the HCUA as to the subject's CP membership during the late 1940's. It is recommended that the name of JOHN LAUTNER be made available to Mr. McNAMARA, Director, HCUA.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, who, on June 30, 1950, advised that the subject was a member of the CP in 1949, as of July 27, 1962, was residing in Newport, Rhode Island. All leads pertaining to BUDENZ are to be forwarded to the Boston Office. A letter has been sent to the Boston Office setting forth instructions as set forth in referenced Bureau letter. They have been advised to contact BUDENZ and advise the Bureau as to results, as well as making a recommendation concerning his name being made available to Mr. McNAMARA.

A review of indices of the NYO as well as subject's case file failed to disclose any additional information concerning subject's CP membership.

② - Bureau (RM)
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REC'D-READING ROOM
FBI

Mr. William Maurer
1412 West 39th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Maurer:

Your letter of July 8th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested.

You might desire to direct an inquiry with regard to the matter in which you are interested to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 11
JUL 15 1965
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and guitar player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter - C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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JUL 15 1965 TELETYPE UNIT

1412 West 39th Street
Kansas City, Missouri
July 8, 1965

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

Dear Sirs:

I first thought of writing to the HCUA, but I believe that works in conjunction with the FBI.

Let me say that I am an American, a loyal American, a conservative American. I have no use for any "ism" which is contrary to our United States Constitution.

I am also a conservative Lutheran, and Old-Missourian (conservative), not "new Missouri" (liberal) as the terms are used to distinguish between Lutherans.

Enclosed is a News Letter from Our Saviours Lutheran Church of which we are present members. In the this News Letter the pastor says on page three that we do not know what Pete seeger is.

Now I have read reports in the Lutheran News the editor of which is pastor of a Missouri congregation at New Haven Missouri, and I gatehr from the peridodical that Pete Seeger is a communist, and has been shown to be so by the HUAC.

Would you be so kind and send me a simple statement as to the facts annd the truth in the matter.

If you can I would like three copies of the reply, one for myself, and one for the pastor, and one for the pres. of the congregation.

From information that I have it appears that pete Seeger is a communist. Refusing to answer when given the golden opportunity by our government to clear himself if he was "clean", seems to cast doubt upon his Americanism.

Anyone who is a true American certainly would not hesitate to say in very firm words, that he is so and be proud (in the right sense) to say so. I would be and am glad to say that I am an American. and would not hesitate to answer in the affirmative, if my government, or prospective employer would ask me that question.

Naturally there are always some things that citizens do not always approve of that the government may do, or what certain individuals may wish to try in government, but then we try to remove these "contrary to constitution" obstacles by proper means of law and order. We do not therefore resort to civil disobedience, or lawlessness.

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If the government would command to sin, or to do wrong, then we "must obey God rather than men", and that is not civic disobedience as some would try to say. Civil disobedience is when people take matters in their own hands to defy decent laws and order, and when they try to demand their demands by law violence or civil disobedience. Civil disobedience is wrong!

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Our government is to "protect the innocent and to punish the evildoers", and when our government finds some to be subversive, (and when our government has the proof,) then it gives the report, to protect the people. Communism should not be able to have free reign as a political party anymore than a jail person has a right to free access to American freedom as a citizen.

CORRESPONDENCE

I would appreciate a statement from you as regards the status of Pete Seeger, as to his affiliation with the Communist Party.

The pastor writing in the enclosed bulletin saying that we do not know, does not answer the question. We can certainly find out.

Yours truly

William Maurer

William Maurer
1412 West 39th Street
Kansas City, Missouri



ENCLOSURE

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

4153 Rainbow Boulevard

Kansas City, Kansas

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is the center of our message

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NEWS BULLETIN
July, 1965

100-200845-151

A RUNNING ACCOUNT OF OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

A comparison between our Sunday morning attendance of the first half year in 1964 and 1965 shapes up like this:

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
January	1720	2335
February	1786	1896
March	2519	1882
April	1775	2118
May	1992	2072
June	1456	1522
 TOTAL	 11248	 11825
Average	433	455

MARY ANN OEDING SAYS

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of Our Saviour for all the many kindnesses shown me during the past two years. I appreciated your friendliness and enjoyed working in your midst. May the Lord bless you all and keep you in His grace."

Members of the congregation are invited to her wedding which is to take place on July 25, 7 p.m. DST at St. John's Lutheran Church, Luverne, Minnesota. She is to be married to Duane Kropuenske who has also held membership in our congregation for the last two years. Her home pastor will have the ceremony and the pastor of Our Saviour has been asked to deliver the wedding address.

MR. PAUL WOLTERS TO BE INSTALLED

On next Sunday, July 11, Mr. Paul Wolters will be installed as principal of our school. This will take place at the second service. Mr. and Mrs. Wolters and daughter moved here from Zion Lutheran Church, Ferguson, Missouri. We extend a most cordial welcome to them and pray that they will be a blessing to us and we to them.

All members of the congregation and friends are asked to share in a covered dish dinner at noon on

the day of Mr. Wolter's installation. The suggested menu is fried chicken, a vegetable and a choice of either a salad or dessert. Bring your own complete table service. Coffee and punch will be served by our ladies. In connection with the events of the day we are also planning a food shower for the Wolters. Let's give them a real welcome and reception.

OUR CHURCH WAS PICKETED What is it all about?

On Sunday, June 27, a man picketed our church. We are thankful that the relatively few members who noticed it created no disturbance over it. In the meantime, however, the man in question has continued his anti-Lutheran campaign by means of a telephone recording and this has disturbed people. The pastor has had a number of telephone calls asking what this is all about. It all started over the controversy involving the engagement of Pete Seeger as an entertainer at the International Walther League convention at Squaw Valley. Needless to say, there are many people in our church body who have taken exception to this, for Mr.

Seeger is alleged by some to have had some connections with Communism. Some claim they have proof for this and others claim that he is "clean". We have no way of proving or disproving it. We do not know. But the fact remains that a lot of harm is coming to the church because of this unfortunate situation. It appears to us that some other entertainer could have been engaged. But since it is too late for that all we can do is hope and pray that the negative publicity our church is getting in Kansas City may soon subside. Let us remain calm and pray that the Lord may bring to nought all forces of evil which would destroy and slander His Kingdom.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding bells rang for Clifford Mueller and Rozan Wagoner on June 26 in Wichita. Pastor Mueller, the groom's father, performed the ceremony.

PARENTS OF SERVICEMEN, please note

We have just received an up-to-date list of all

the Lutheran contact pastors, active duty chaplains, and pastors at Lutheran service centers. If you need this information for your son in the service, kindly telephone the church office.

ADULT CLASS

The following adults were received into membership on June 6: Mrs. Guy Morris, Michael Nance, Mrs. Jack Rankin, Mrs. Richard Rankin, Mrs. Richard Clark, Mrs. Earl Herren, Mrs. Robert Wallace, and Homer Boutz. Their names and addresses appear in the new Membership Directory.

OTHER DIRECTORY CHANGES

Mr. and Mrs. George Tiller were transferred to a sister congregation.

Please delete the following names, either because their whereabouts are unknown or they are no longer interested in our fellowship: Mrs. Dean Viator, Mrs. Louis Heller, Mrs. Marie Johnson, and Miss Carolyn Froemsdorf. Change the address of Mrs. Velma Lord to 1922 S. 15th St. KCK.

THINK ON THESE THINGS

Ten of the 12 spies sent into Canaan came back to report, "We Can't." Twelve disciples in the storm said: "We Can't make shore." Moses, called by God said, "I Can't Talk." Pilate said to Claudia, "I Can't Let Him Go." Thomas said to Jesus, "I Can't see the Way." He also said, "I Can't Believe Unless..". Et, Gideon knew God could. Joshua and Caleb knew God could. Moses at the Red Sea knew God could. The disciples at Pentecost knew God could. That is the kind of faith we need today.

CONVENTION COMMENTS

We came back from the convention with the firm conviction that our church body is still strong in its doctrinal emphasis and purity. The delegates made it very clear that they still wanted a conservative and strong church. Let us thank God for this.

SAC, New York (100-83801)

7/12/65

Director, FBI (100-200845)

1 - Mr. Hanning
1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Franck

PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Mr. Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), has asked if the Bureau can supply the HCUA with the names of any individuals who would be in a position to definitely place the subject in the Communist Party (CP) in the event his Committee calls the subject before it at sometime in the future.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

New York summary report of SA Arthur J. Greene, Jr., captioned as above and dated 2/21/57 sets forth evidence of CP membership attributed to Herman Thomas (former [redacted]), Louis F. Budenz, John Lautner and former [redacted] covered as T-4 in that report.

Philadelphia is requested to immediately advise the Bureau concerning Herman Thomas's present whereabouts, the exact information concerning the subject being a CP member that he could testify to as well as your recommendations concerning making his name available to Mr. McNamara.

New York will immediately search indices, review subject's main file and, if necessary, contact logical informants and sources to determine the identities of all individuals who can definitely place the subject as a member of the CP. Concerning Budenz, Lautner and former [redacted] as well as any other individuals developed by you, handle in accordance with Bureau instructions to Philadelphia above.

Philadelphia and New York must give this matter the most expeditious attention.

2 - Philadelphia

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NOTE:

Subject's name is included in the Security Index.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-2-65

FROM : M. J. Jones

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

While contacting Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities, 7-1-65, on another matter, McNamara brought up to SA Hanning the subject of Pete Seegar who is well known to the Bureau.

Peter McNamara stated that the Committee had received information that at the time Seegar was tried for contempt, the Justice Department had two men in the courtroom. McNamara stated that it was their understanding that these two individuals were in the courtroom in the event Seegar denied he had ever been a communist. In such an event, these two individuals would be called upon to take the stand to testify as to Seegar's communist affiliations. McNamara stated he would not know whether this story was true or not but presumed if it was true that the two individuals were undoubtedly FBI Agents.

With regard to Seegar, McNamara stated he is becoming very active again and they are interested in him. He stated that according to their records the only one who can actually put Seegar in the Communist Party is Harvey Matusow who, of course, is discredited. McNamara specifically requested whether or not we could supply the Committee with the names of any other individuals who would be in a position to definitely put Seegar in the Party in the event they called Seegar at some time in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division and that Division advise whether or not we can be of any help to McNamara regarding this request.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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June 30, 1965

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Mrs. George Simmons
~~44 West Lancaster Avenue~~
Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356

Dear Mrs. Simmons:

I received your letter of June 26th, with enclosures, and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

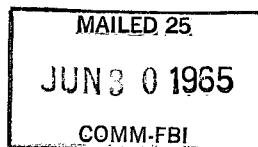
With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter - C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt. Correspondent's self-addressed stamped envelope is being used in reply.

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June 26th. 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Concern fills my heart at the prospect of what is to be presented at our "Walther League Convention" in Squaw Valley, California, early in July.

This will be the apperance of one, "Pete Seeger," supposedly a communist, been before the "~~House on Un-American Com.~~" and invoked the fifth amendment when asked questions pertaining to such questions, attended a communist school, "Friends" or name something like that; recorded under "Peoples' Songs" at one time and is according to "Life" a renowned folk singer.

Now our "Voters' Assembly" sent a protest to such activity to the President of the Missouri Synod, Dr. Oliver Harms, also to Rev. Witt, Executive Director of the League.....no action. Claim is that the youth are to decide.

What further distresses me is the fact that there will be children there starting at the 7th. grade on up. And how many of these will be able to discern between fact and lie?! I shudder to think of it.

Can you possibly give me any conclusive information to uphold our feelings? The gentlemen in question affirm that since they have no real proof of communist activities, they can not in all fairness, condemn the person.

There have been many letters of protest by individuals and groups to Dr. Harms and Rev. Witt. These were printed (some of them) in the "Lutheran News' Reporter" new addition to our "Lutheran Witness."

I enclose remarks by the Synod President taken from that paper.

There has been so much to do and this was mixed in with my file of clippings and such, didn't realize how the day would be here....

Enclosed find stamped, self-addressed envelope and air mail stamp.

Thank you for any time and consideration you can give.

Mrs. George Simmons
4400 1/2 Easter Ave.
Red Lion, Pa. 17356

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Geo. Simmons



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ENCLOSURE

Pete Seeger to Sing at Squaw Valley Despite Protests to Walther League

Folk singer Pete Seeger will remain on the program of the International Walther League convention in July despite a flood of mail opposing his appearance.

The Walther League Executive Board declined to withdraw its invitation to the performer after reviewing complaints touching on his loyalty as a U. S. citizen.

The decision was supported by a resolution of the Board for Young People's Work of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

As protesting letters mounted, Missouri Synod President Oliver R. Harms urged Walther

League officials to reconsider the invitation to Seeger. He said scheduling of the folk singer is "divisive" and "does not edify the body of Christ."

Dr. Harms, however, made it clear that the Walther League Board and the synodical Board for Young People's Work have prime responsibility for functions of the youth organization.

The College of Presidents at its meeting in St. Louis on April 27 discussed the Seeger matter at length but took no action.

2,300 Reservations

More than 2,300 advance registrations — representing

nearly 800 congregations — already have been received for the Walther League convention at Squaw Valley, Calif., July 5 to 9. Registration fee is \$75.

League officials said that more than 3,000 high school and post-high school young people are expected to attend.

"Let My People Go" is the theme of the convention, which will center on Christian vocation as seen through a study of the Book of Exodus and the Covenant of God with His people.

In addition to Seeger, others invited from outside the Lutheran church to take part in

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Mr. Richard W. Schmidt
Combined Insurance Services Agency, Inc.
2440 Brentwood Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63144

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Your letter of June 17th has been received.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

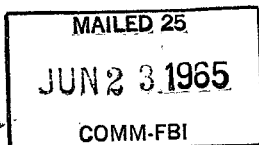
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HARRY H. BERGER
ASSOCIATE



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RICHARD W. SCHMIDT
ASSOCIATE

June 17, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the past few weeks I have been greatly concerned over the appearance of Pete Seeger at the International Walther League Convention of the Lutheran, Missouri Synod at Squaw Valley, California.

As a member of the above mentioned protestant denomination the unsavory reputation of Mr. Seeger makes it hard for me to understand why our youth organization has not removed him from the program.

It is my understanding that your organization has a great deal of information on Pete Seeger and that you have denounced him as either a communist or a fellow traveler of the communist party. If this is so I would appreciate the benefit of your thinking and any information that you might care to send me. If my assumptions are incorrect I would appreciate clarification.

Cordially yours,

Richard W. Schmidt

RICHARD W. SCHMIDT

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Sullivan

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F. J. Baumgardner

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(PETE SEEGER)

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan

166 The International Walther League (an organization for children of high school age) of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, has scheduled folk singer, Pete Seeger, to lecture before its International Convention at Squaw Valley, California, in July, 1965. Seeger will lecture on the origin of folk music and thereafter a discussion will be held to relate this type music to the Church. Seeger is a former Communist Party member who has never repudiated the Party and who continues his association with communists and communist organizations. It is shocking that the Missouri Synod which is considered one of the more conservative of the several branches of the Lutheran Church would invite Seeger, an atheist, who has been publicly identified as "the best known of all the Communist Party entertainers" to appear before its international youth convention and after his lecture to endeavor to relate his comments to the Church.

Three FBI informants have identified Seeger as a Communist Party member in the appropriate period 1947-50. He refused to answer questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1955 as to whether he was then a Party member or if he held concerts to raise money for the Party. As a result of his refusal to testify, he was indicted for contempt of Congress and adjudged guilty. The conviction was overthrown on appeal on the basis of a defective indictment. Seeger continues to be a principal entertainer for communist causes. During the past decade communist publications have advertised his appearances at numerous communist and front type meetings. Seeger is included on the Security Index of the New York Office.

Seeger's communist background has been publicized in Lutheran publications and a number of Lutheran Ministers have made inquiries of the FBI endeavoring to determine if he is in fact a communist.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
100-3-104-MAIN

A former FBI informant recently contacted Elmer N. Witt, Executive Director of the Walther League and made available to him public source data relating to Seeger's communist background. However, Witt did not choose to take any action to cancel Seeger's appearance before the youth convention.

A conservative Lutheran weekly publication "Through to Victory," published in California, in its March, 1965, edition thoroughly documented Seeger's communist background and urged letters protesting his scheduled appearance be sent to Dr. Oliver R. Harms, President of the Synod (21 N. Broadway Street, St. Louis) and to Reverend Elmer N. Witt, (Executive Director of the Walther League, (875 North Dearborn Street, Chicago) demanding Seeger be removed from the Convention Program.

The Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church apparently is not directly affiliated with the National Council of Churches although the Lutheran Church in America is affiliated. We believe Assistant Director Sullivan should discuss this matter with his source, Dr. Reverend Jay Moore, National Council of the Churches of Christ, in an effort to alert this group to take action to preclude the appearance of Seeger before a Lutheran Church youth convention. Such an appearance would afford Seeger the opportunity to propagate his communist ideology and it would also afford him an aura of respectability as a communist.

ACTION:

That Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan be authorized to alert his source, Dr. Reverend Jay Moore, at the National Council of Churches to the fact that the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, has scheduled Pete Seeger, an identified communist, to appear at its International Youth Convention in July. It is anticipated this action will prompt the Council to take action to preclude the appearance of this communist.

May 20, 1965

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EX-116

Mr. Calvin L. Carter
313 1/2 North Loma Linda
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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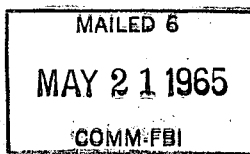
Dear Mr. Carter:

Your letter of May 13th was received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. You may be certain your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return.

I know he would want me to advise you, however, that information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why Mr. Hoover would not be in a position to comment as you desire.

Enclosed is some material which it is hoped you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,



Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosures (4)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4/17/62 Internal Security Statement
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Time For Decision

NOTE: An individual named Calvin Carter of Farmington, N. M., who may be identified with correspondent, was involved in an attempted robbery and murder but was sentenced to life imprisonment. (95-73809) Continued.

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Mr. Calvin L. Carter

No other references were found in Bufiles concerning Calvin L. Carter. Pete Seegar is well-known to Bureau. Spelling of street verified by telephone directory.

May 13, 1965

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

Dear Sir.

In the interest of the Missouri Synod Zion
Luthern Church, and the Walther League of the
Luthern Church. In which I am Youth Counselor
If possible I would like the folling information
concerning a Mr. Pete Seegar, Who has been engage
to appear at the Walther League, Convention at
Squaw Valley, California.

A great can troversy in our Church has taken
place about the apperance of Mr. Pete Seegar at this
Convention.

1. Is Mr. Pete Seegar a Communist or has he
ever been a communist.
2. Has at any time Mr. Pete Seegar supported
or sympathize with a communist front.

Any other information you have on Mr. Pete
Seegar, at your earliest conveniences will be
apperciated.

Sincerely yours
Calvin L. Carter

Mr. Calvin L. Carter
313 1/2 North Loma Linda
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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Mr. Calvin
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CORRESPONDENCE

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Mr. Calvin L. Carter

3131/2 North loma Linda,

Farmington, New Mexico 87401

FBI File and Serial No. 100-200845-146

To: ☒ FBI Headquarters
☐ FBI Field Division, _____

From: Civil Service Commission, Wash. D.C.

Regarding FBI ☒ report ☐ memorandum dated (month, day, year)
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TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER		REPORT MADE BY JOHN LEE GILL	TYPED BY sjj
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REFERENCE

NY report of SA ROBERT E. BOWE, 4/13/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY made a pretext telephone call to the subject's booking agency, the Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th Street, NYC, NY, using a pretext of seeking data regarding a booking of the subject.

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Informants contacted with negative results
are as follows:



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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)

it contains data received from NY T-2 through NY T-21 reflecting that the FBI has coverage of Communist and related activities and foreign activities. Unauthorized disclosure of this could reveal the sources' identities and destroy the effectiveness thereof. This could hamper investigation of subversive matters and thereby be injurious to the national security.

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____

of his position as a prominent figure in the entertainment field and his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau and no indication exists reflecting subject would cooperate.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____

on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP, in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion was that Mother Bloor in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, Jr. 2/19/58, at NY). On 4/30/53, former (continued)

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58 at NY).

On 2/12/60, [redacted] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [redacted] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY).

On 4/30/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER attended a concert at 253 West 73rd St., NY, NY sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which concert was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for Soviet-American Friendship, held at 60th St., and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be traveling through southern part of the US giving a series of concerts.

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9. (Continued)

On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from September, 1955 until September 1962, made available a letter dated 12/7/62 in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council; to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Subject performed at function for "American Dialog", 7/64, and NCASF rally 11/64. (Instant Report).

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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: JOHN LEE GILL
Date: 5/14/65
Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-83801
Bureau File #: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self-employed as a folk-singer and banjo player. Informants report subject performed at functions for "American Dialog" 7/64; entertained at NCASF rally, 11/64; and at "Teach-in" protesting US policies in Viet-Nam, 4/65. Subject completed lengthy tour of Far East and Europe including Communist nations, 6/64.

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DETAILSI BACKGROUNDA. Residence and Employment

NY T-1 reported on May 6, 1965, that subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York. NY T-1 added that the subject is self-employed as a folk-singer and banjo player from his residence.

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Lieutenant JOSEPH STELLA, Beacon New York Police Department, advised SA LOWELL W. BARTON on May 6, 1965, that subject is self-employed as a folk-singer and resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

Additional information regarding the subject's employment is mentioned hereinafter in this report under Miscellaneous and Foreign Travel.

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Miscellaneous Communist Activities

NY T-2 reported on April 28, 1964, that a membership meeting of the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was held on April 24, 1964, at Chelsea Hall, 6th Avenue and 16th Street, New York, New York. During this meeting it was stated that an attempt was being made to secure the subject's services for a cultural program at Camp Midvale.

Camp Midvale is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto under the MRA.

NY T-3 reported on July 2, 1964, that a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) Club was held on June 26, 1964, at 65 2nd Avenue, New York, New York. Subject was not present. During this meeting it was announced that the subject would sing and speak at Ossining, New York, on July 14 before 300 to 400 people. It was announced that a collection would be made during that function which was related to the new magazine, "Dialogue".

"Dialogue" is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto under "American Dialog", "American Dialogue", and "Dialogue".

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On July 8, 1964, NY T-3 reported that on July 14, 1964, the subject was to give a concert at the Briar Hall Country Club, Ossining, New York, for the benefit of the new magazine "American Dialog".

NY T-3 on July 17, 1964, reported that a private concert was held on July 14, 1964, at the Briar Hall Country Club, Ossining, New York, by the subject for the benefit of the new magazine "American Dialog". No admission was charged but contributions of over \$300.00 were collected from approximately 200 people present.

On September 25, 1964, NY T-4 reported that PHIL BART was then attempting to establish an Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Memorial Fund and that the planning was then in a nebulous stage. NY T-4 added that consideration was being given to securing the subject's services.

On March 30, 1965, NY T-5 advised that an announcement was made at the State CP Committee of Ohio meeting held on March 28, 1965, that PHIL BART is a replacement as chairman of that district.

The "New York Times" of September 6, 1964, Page 1, announced that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman of the CP, United States of America (USA) died in Moscow, Russia, on September 5, 1964.

On November 5, 1964, NY T-6 advised that a meeting of the National Council (NCASF) of American-Soviet Friendship Executive Committee was held on November 2, 1964, at 156 5th Avenue, New York, New York. Under discussion was a rally to be held November 12, 1964, which would present a speaker from the Soviet Embassy. It was stated that the subject was to be a surprise guest artist and he was described as not wanting his name advertised. It was further stated that a promise had been made not to include subject's name on the program or in advertisements.

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The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On November 17, 1964, NY T-6 reported that the NCASF held its annual rally for peace and friendship on November 12, 1964, at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, and that approximately 1,000 people were present. Among the speakers were PAUL ROBESON and an official from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. Subject was among those providing entertainment. Speakers appealed for funds and praised the NCASF and the Soviet Union.

On November 13, November 18, and November 24, 1964, and December 2, 1964, NY T-7, NY T-8, NY T-9, and NY T-10 reported regarding the subject's performance at the above mentioned NCASF function and furnished substantially the same information as reported above.

On various dates during 1957 and 1958, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from September, 1955 until October, 1962, reported that PAUL ROBESON was present at at least six meetings of the New York County Committee of the CP during those years and attended a New York State CP conference in New York, New York, on April 25, 1958.

The "National Guardian" of April 16, 1964, Page 1, Columns 1 and 2, and Page 2, Columns 1 and 2, contain an article captioned "Peace Greetings From Soviet Diplomat at Friendship Meeting In New York". This article described the annual Friendship Celebration held on November 12, 1964 by the NCASF in New York, New York. The article states that PAVEL LUKIANOV spoke and brought the warmest greetings and best wishes from the Soviet people. The article adds that the subject performed and that he stated that he had been on tour in the Soviet Union.

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The "National Guardian" is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto.

NY T-11 reported on November 12, 1964, that a NCASF rally was held for peace and friendship on that date at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York. Various speakers appealed for funds for the NCASF, lauded the NCASF, and spoke highly of the Soviet Union. An official from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. cited what he claimed as accomplishments of the Soviet Union in peace and economic policies. PAUL ROBESON introduced the subject as a surprise guest. Subject stated that he was proud to be introduced by ROBESON and sang some songs he said he had sung in the Soviet Union the previous April.

On March 5, 1965, NY T-12 advised that the subject was then believed to be a sponsor of Camp Webatuck.

Camp Webatuck is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto.

The April 13, 1965 edition of "The Campus", an undergraduate newspaper at the College of the City of New York (CCNY), New York, New York, announced that a "Teach-in" was being sponsored by the W.E.B. DuBois Club and several other organizations at CCNY during the night of April 13 and April 14, 1965.

On April 14, 1965, NY T-13 reported that during the "Teach-in" held at CCNY, New York, New York, on April 13 and April 14, 1965, various speakers criticized the United States policies in Viet-Nam, and that during the program the subject sang a few songs. HERBERT APTHEKER was among the speakers and criticized what he termed United States intervention in Viet-Nam.

The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America are mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto.

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NY T-14 advised on December 13, 1959, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee of the CPUSA during its 17th National Convention held in December, 1959, in New York, New York.

NY T-15 reported on March 31, 1965, that "Freedomways" Salute to PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to be held on April 22, 1965, at the Hotel Americana, 52nd Street, New York, New York. NY T-15 added that the subject was scheduled to entertain at that function.

"Freedomways" is mentioned in the Appendix attached hereto under Freedomways Associates Incorporated.

III MISCELLANEOUS

The February 5, 1965 edition of "The Pitt News", a student publication at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, carried an advertisement reflecting that the subject would perform in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on February 20, 1965.

On February 24, 1965, NY T-16 made available what NY T-16 described as a student-prepared flyer attacking the subject, and which NY T-16 stated had been given wide distribution at Duquesne University, and Carnegie Institute of Technology. This leaflet described subject as "...just about the top Communist entertainer in the United States today". The leaflet attacked the appearance of the subject scheduled for February 20, 1965, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On February 18 and February 25, 1965, NY T-17 and NY T-18 reported that a demonstration against the war in Viet-Nam was held on February 18, 1965, at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York, New York. Subject was among the approximately 50 people present. Various speakers attacked the United States

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policies in Viet-Nam, and called for encouragement to those who refused to serve in the Armed Forces. Subject entertained during this meeting.

IV FOREIGN TRAVEL

On May 15, 1964, NY T-19, a confidential source abroad, reported that the subject arrived in Japan on October 8, 1963, on a permit as an entertainer. He was sponsored in Japan by the Society for International Cultural Exchange, Fuji Telecasting Company, Limited, Tokyo, Japan. NY T-19 advised that the subject appeared in his capacity as an entertainer in 12 Japanese cities between November 6 and November 25, 1963, and departed from Japan on November 26, 1963.

NY T-20, a confidential source abroad, reported on September 13, 1964, that while subject was in Japan during 1963 for a series of performances, the subject never failed to sing "progressive songs" at least ~~at least~~ per performance. NY T-20 cited such songs, as an anti-atom bomb song performed by subject at Hiroshima.

The "Poughkeepsie Journal" of March 31, 1964, contained an article captioned "SEEGER Loses Voice in Poland", which stated that the subject had arrived in Poland in March, 1964, stating that he had exhausted his vocal chords giving 11 performances during the past eight days in Czechoslovakia.

The "New York Post" on April 12, 1964, contained an article captioned "A Sing-Along In Moscow For PETE SEEGER's Sake". This article described the subject's appearance before a capacity crowd in Moscow. It described the subject as widely black-listed in the United States since the early McCarthy Era of alleged Communist associations.

The April 27, 1964, edition of the "New York Times" Page 27, reflects an article captioned "Red-Bloc Invites United States Folk-Singers; SEEGER's Success Paves Way For Other Performers". This article stated

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that the subject's tour of the Soviet Union was proving so successful that the subject's manager had been asked to assemble other groups of American folk-singers for appearances in eastern Europe. Subject was described as touring Communist-bloc nations as part of a tour of 28 countries in ten months. He reportedly had made 14 appearances in Czechoslovakia, 9 in Poland, and 28 in the Soviet Union. His tour of the Soviet Union had been extended to include a farewell concert at Moscow University on May 5, 1964.

Page 12, May 27, 1964, edition of "Variety", a show business weekly publication, contained an article captioned "Russia Puzzled By PETE SEEGER; Artists There Supposed to Dress Up". This article datelined Moscow, May 26, stated that the subject had just sung his way through the Soviet Union, on a four months tour of that nation, and had departed for London for his last stop prior to returning to the United States.

"The Worker" of June 16, 1964, Page 5, and 1, contained an article captioned "PETE SEEGER Back With New Harvest of World's Songs". The article stated that the subject had just returned from a ten month world wide tour.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

By means of a pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 22, 1964, it was ascertained that the subject had returned to the United States and was presently working out of the New York City area.

On June 18, 1964, NY T-21, a confidential source abroad, reported that after leaving England

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for the Netherlands on March 2, 1964, subject returned to England on May 7, 1964, from Moscow, Soviet Union. Subject departed from England June 2, 1964, presumably for the United States.

V MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants, who have some knowledge of CP and related activities in the New York City area, reported in April and May, 1965, that they had no information regarding the subject.

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"AMERICAN DIALOG", "AMERICAN
DIALOGUE", "DIALOGUE"

A confidential source advised during June, 1964, that JOSEPH FELSHIN advised former subscribers to the magazine "Mainstream" that "Mainstream" had ceased publication with its August, 1963, issue and had been replaced by a new bimonthly publication entitled "American Dialogue" with JOSEPH NORTH as editor.

It is to be noted that the July-August, 1964, issue of "American Dialog", Volume 1, Number 1, lists JOSEPH NORTH as editor.

A second source advised during December, 1959, that on December 13, 1959, JOSEPH FELSHIN attended the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held from December 10, through December 13, 1959, in New York City.

This second source advised on May 27, 1963, that JOSEPH NORTH was present at an enlarged meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CPUSA held in New York City on May 23, 1963.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Mainstream":

"Mainstream*

- "1. The Communist Party 'is regularly putting out *** Mainstream -- monthly cultural and literary organ published in New York.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)"

* Beginning with the September 1956 issue, the name of this publication was changed from Masses and Mainstream to Mainstream.

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CAMP WEBATUCK

Formerly known as
Camp Calumet; Wingdale Camp, Inc.;
Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity;
Wingdale on the Lake, Also known as

On May 27, 1953, a source advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the Communist Party (CP) since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

On April 24, 1956, a second source furnished an undated flyer entitled "The Wingdaler" published by Wingdale On The Lake. This flyer reflected that Wingdale On The Lake occupied the same site as was formerly occupied by Camp Unity.

On June 7, 1956, Mr. JAMES J. DWYER, Office of the Secretary of State, New York State, reviewed his records and advised SA JOHN EUGENE PARSONS that Wingdale Camp., Inc. filed a Certificate of Incorporation number 6036 with his department on February 9, 1956.

On April 27, 1956, a third source advised that regardless of the name it uses the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was and still is a joint operation of the National Office of the CP and the New York State CP.

On November 13, 1962, the third source above advised that the CP has taken complete control of the camp and the camp will be essentially a youth camp in the future.

The "National Guardian" December 6, 1962, contained an advertisement on page 10 entitled "Announcing Camp Webatuck."

The advertisement reflected that the camp, located at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York, is a camp for boys and girls from 7 to 16 plus.

The advertisement indicated that registrations for the camp could be made at its office, 505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 705, New York 17, New York, telephone number MU 7-0586.

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On December 7, 1962, a suitable pretext call was placed to telephone number MU 7-0586.

It was determined through conversation with an unknown male individual that Camp Webatuck is the new name for Camp Calumet formerly known as Wingdale Camp, Inc.; Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity; Wingdale On the Lake, also known as.

The "National Guardian" May 2, 1964, contained an advertisement on page 8 concerning Camp Webatuck. This advertisement reflected that the current office address for Camp Webatuck is 166 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, telephone number OR 5-4383.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION,
FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATURE FRIENDS OF
AMERICA, INC., OPERATOR OF CAMP MIDVALE

Nature Friends of America, Inc., (NFA) (since 1935) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York Local of NFA held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York Local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a second source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

On March 26, 1954, a third source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which on page 1 states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The MRA, as of May 8, 1964, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternatives."

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The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

The second source has also advised that at the founding convention it was voted that the organization should be temporarily headquartered in San Francisco, California, although no specific physical location was decided upon. This same source advised on June 29, 1964, that the temporary headquarters of this organization is 1007 McAllister Street, San Francisco, which is the headquarters of the W.E.B. DuBois Club of San Francisco.

Both sources have advised that at the founding convention two officers were elected:

PHILIP CHAPIN DAVIS - President
CARL ELLENGER BLOICE - Publications Chairman

A third source has advised that on October 26, 1962, PHILIP DAVIS attended a CP recruiting class held at 1579 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California.

A fourth source has advised that CARL BLOICE, reporter for the "People's World" newspaper, was, on April 3, 1964, elected to the newly organized San Francisco County Committee of the CP.

The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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Reference is made to the report
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United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

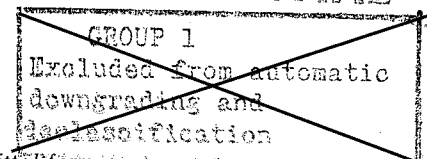
1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,


 John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. William Mey
117 Hiawatha Drive
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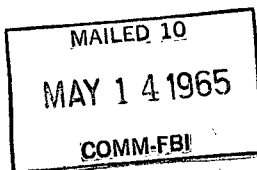
Dear Mr. Mey:

Your letter of May 10th has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

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

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (5)
"Time For Decision"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny!
The U.S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter - He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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117 Hiawatha Drive
Clarendon Hills,
Illinois 60514

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The folk singer, Pete Seeger, has been scheduled to appear on the program of the Walther League Convention at Squaw Valley.

From some reports of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, one could assume that Pete Seeger is a Communist or at least not suited to be on a program for young Christian people.

If this is the case and you have an official opinion to this effect that can be purchased or reproduced in quantity for distribution purposes, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you for any reply.

Sincerely yours,
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If this is the case and you have an official opinion to this effect that can be purchased or reproduced in quantity for distribution purposes, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you for any reply.

Sincerely yours,
William Hey

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May 4, 1965

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Reverend George W. Mock
Emmaus Lutheran Church
Box 417
Tripp, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Mock:

Your letter of April 26th has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to be of further help in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy.

Concerning a source of information regarding the subject of your inquiry, you may wish to communicate with the Chairman, House Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Minneapolis Enclosure

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is the subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter-C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH -- MISSOURI SYNOD

GEORGE W. MOCK, PASTOR

"THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST." 2 COR. 15:57

TRIPP, SOUTH DAKOTA
BOX 417 PHONE 3641

April 16, 1965

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

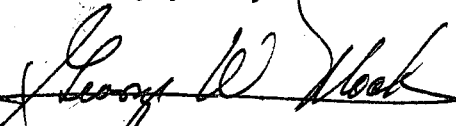
Dear Sir:

I believe that you keep a file of known members of the Communist party in your bureau. If it is possible, could you, at your earliest convenience, let me know if Pete Seeger, the folk-singer, is, or has been proved, a member. If so, is he still?

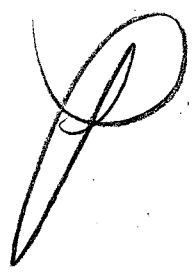
If you are unable to tell me, would you be able to direct me to some one who could?

With appreciation for any help you can give me on this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,


George W. Mock





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SAC, New York (100-83801)
(100-103040)

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Director, FBI (100-200845)
(100-388654)

Personal Attention

1 - Miss Triplett
1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Haack

PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

HAROLD LEVENTHAL
SECURITY MATTER - C

Bureau Informant 200, a most sensitive and reliable source, advised that

subject, Seeger, _____ of _____
(individual or organization)

Box 431, Beacon, New York, _____ was
(address)

in contact with Vladimir Pozner of Moscow, USSR, _____
(individual or organization, address)

during February, 1965
(month, year)

The foregoing and the following INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM BUREAU INFORMANT 200 IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AND SHOULD NOT BE SET OUT IN ANY INVESTIGATIVE REPORT. INFORMATION FROM THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE UTILIZED FOR LEAD PURPOSES ONLY AND ANY STATEMENT CONCERNING THE COVERAGE IN EFFECT IN THIS INSTANCE MUST BE AVOIDED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE SUBJECT OR ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON BECOME AWARE THAT WE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONTACT.

According to the informant, the contact appeared to be of a personal and business nature having to do with folk music. During the contact Seeger mentioned that Leventhal would be visiting in Russia about 3/8/65 and that he, Seeger, hoped to see Pozner in Russia in September or October of 1965.

You are requested to verify the travel of Leventhal and submit a memorandum suitable for dissemination. You should set a tickler on the case on Seeger to open same on 9/1/65 to determine his travel plans and to likewise furnish the Bureau with a memorandum suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

Seeger is in the Security Index. He is a prominent folk singer. Leventhal operates a personnel agency for entertainers in New York City. He was a CP member during the late 1930s. His name was removed from the SI in September, 1955. Information taken from Hunter Report Number 2214, Item 65E

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Mr. James Lapis
Box 3542
420 Memorial Drive
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. Lapis:

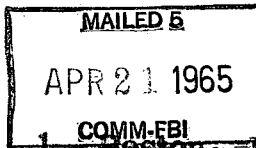
Your letter of April 16th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will understand the reasons for this policy and why I am unable to comment in the manner you have suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Pete Seeger is the subject of Bufile 100-200845, a Security Matter-C investigation. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American activities and cited for contempt. He is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player and has been on world tours. There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

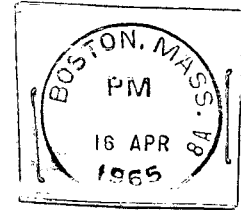
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M.I.T.
Box 3542
420 Memorial Drive
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Being a neighbor and former pupil of Pete Seeger, I am concerned with the furor over his political activities. What is the evidence that he is a conscious agent of international communism?

I have been told that knowing him might be a blotch on my security record if I apply for a job in a defense industry. Is this true?

Yours Truly,

James Lapis
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April 5, 1965

Honorable Edwin E. Willis, Chairman
House Committee on Un-American Activities
Washington, D. C.

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

Honorable J. O. Eastland, Chairman
Senate Internal Security Committee
Washington, D. C.

Mr. James Wallace
3110 1st Avenue, North
(FBI Agent)
St. Petersburg, Florida

Honorable Wm. C. Cramer
MC/ House Office Bldg
Washington, D. C.

Rev. Vaughn M. Johnson, Pastor
Fifth Avenue Baptist Church
5th Avenue and 6th Street, South
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dr. Charles M. Leaning, Director
Faith Temple
Box 22 (Open Air Station)
St. Petersburg, Florida

Gentlemen:

In Re: National Folk Festival
and Jim Gray, Manager of Conventions
of Chamber of Commerce.

Early in January 1965, a number of local, Christian, Patriot Organizations and their leaders, (including myself) exercised our rights, by kindly advising the sponsoring Civic Organization, (the Local Chamber of Commerce) of the National Folk Festival, (to be held here April 7-9) that making use of known Rabid Reds, and Red-Fronters was not good sponsoring. In particular such characters as Pete Seeger (Acc. Performer) and Mrs. Burl Ives, as a member of the Folk Festival Board, rated by Mr. Myron C. Fagan, Director of Cinema Educational Guild, Hollywood, California, and copy of such rating was attached.

A series of protest letters was directed to their attention, before one single reply was received. Since that time, this writer has been subjected to almost all sorts of browbeat, insults, and my letters have been ignored by one Mr. Jim Gray, Manager of Conventions of the Chamber of Commerce. Recently, we were informed by a leader of a protest group, that the authorities had informed him that Pete Seeger would not be used. We were not informed direct. Now on this day

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Reds Used In The
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April 5, 1966, (The St. Petersburg Times) published an article giving details of the ending of the Folk Festival, under the heading: "A Great Heritage." and stated that 5 winners of the Folk Festival show, would be given cash awards as follows: 4 awards to go to winners of \$100.00 each, and 1 of \$100.00. First 4 to receive the Burl Ives Awards, and the 5th and last to receive the Velma Lykes Award.

In Conclusion. In spite of all the information from Washington, D. C. and other places, that these performers were rated Reds and Red-Front Activists, it is plain to be seen that these sponsoring groups are going to give the Reds within, in some form or fashion, the "fanfare" of a King or Queen, irrespective of the information furnished them that its not real patriotic to glorify the enemy, since this Nation is spending billions and multiplied billions in an effort to defeat the Godless Communist Within and Without.

I intend to make this matter known throughout this West Coast Area if its the last thing I do on this earth, so help me God.
Weep Here?

cc/to Mailing Lists, and
others that are worthy,
File Red Collaboration
Within, #33, www.


W. W. Webb, Director
N. C. D. O. G. C. & F. (USA)
Box 430, St. Petersburg, Florida
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Reverend Carl R. Lampitt
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
Rock City and Fourth Streets
Little Valley, New York 14755

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Dear Mr. Lampitt:

Your letter of April 6th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment on the individual about whom you inquired.

Enclosed is a list of organizations which have been designated as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450, together with other material on the general subject of communism prepared by the FBI.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, along with other material prepared by this Committee can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies and can be purchased for seventy cents.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Reverend Carl R. Lampitt

**List of Subversive Organizations
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Time of Testing
Time for Decision**

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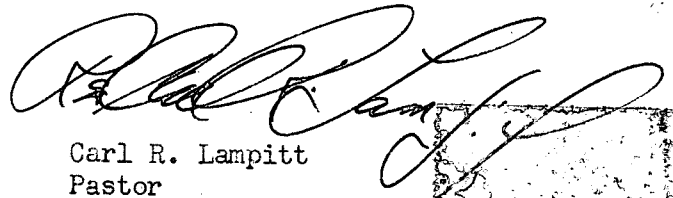
The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that a Pete Seeger is to address the young people of our Walther League-Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at their International Convention in Squaw Valley, California this summer. Rev. Paul C. Neipp, Editor of the newspaper "Through to Victory" accuses Mr. Seeger of being a Communist. I would appreciate the official FBI opinion on Mr. Seeger.

How can I obtain copies of the HCUA Reports?

The Lord be with you,


Carl R. Lampitt
Pastor

St. Michael's
Lutheran Church
ROCK CITY and FOURTH STREETS
LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y. 14755

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The Church Sponsoring "This Is The Life" and "Lutheran Hour"

April 7, 1965

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B. APPROX. 19 24

Mr. Leonard Smith
Route 1, Box 26A
Mount Angel, Oregon

Dear Mr. Smith:

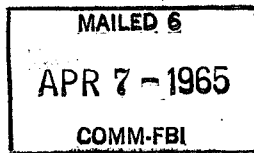
I received your letter of March 29th and want to thank you for your offer to be of assistance to this Bureau.

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

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
4-1-61 LEB Intro
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Mr. Leonard Smith

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TRUE COPY

March 29, 1965
Leonard Smith
Rt. 1, Box 26 A.
Mt Angel Ore.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department
of Justice
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

1 Could you give me information on Pete Seeger
folk song singer?

He is scheduled to appear on a youth program at
Squaw Valley California July 5-9, 1965. I happen to be a
member of the Lutheran Ch. Mo. Synod and I'd like to know
who's correct.

Is he or was he a communist? Is he an
atheist?

2. C. O. P. E., "Committee on Political Education" collects
funds at the Labor Temple in Salem.

What are its leanings?

I am 41 years of age, Do small wiring jobs,
some sign painting, ex navy.

If you think I can be of service to you
gentlemen at any time just whistle. I've had my life "on
the line" in the North Pacific and also after the '62 windstorm.

Truly yours,
Leonard Smith

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department
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Truly yours,
Edward Smith

April 7, 1965

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Reverend O. H. Bertram
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
3934 Laskey Road
Toledo, Ohio 43623

Dear Mr. Bertram:

I received your letter of March 31st,
with enclosure, and certainly want to thank you for
bringing this material to our attention. You may
be assured it will be kept in strict confidence.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

3934 LASKEY ROAD • TOLEDO, OHIO 43623

REV. O.H. BERTRAM, PASTOR

TELEPHONE: OFFICE 479-6565
(AREA 419) HOME 479-1884

March 31, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Being greatly concerned of Communists infiltrating in church organizations, I am perturbed about my own church's youth organization, "The Walther League". The enclosed clipping from the Lutheran News regarding the appearance of Pete Seeger at the International Convention of this organization is another indication of consideration shown toward those who would defy our government. ohio

Two years ago the executives of the Walther League engaged Dick Gregory to speak for the convention, which was conducted in Washington, D. C. I was present at this convention and heard him use techniques which would cause "rumble" between the colored and white. This interview was also published in the Lutheran News recently. The address of the Lutheran News is Box #168, New Haven, Missouri, editor Herman Otten. The enclosed copy will also indicate the lack of respect which one of these executives has for the Word of God in reference to the Lord's Prayer. I cannot help but feel that it is a part of the program of communism with its attack upon Christianity.

I trust that the above is confidential.

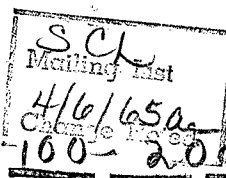
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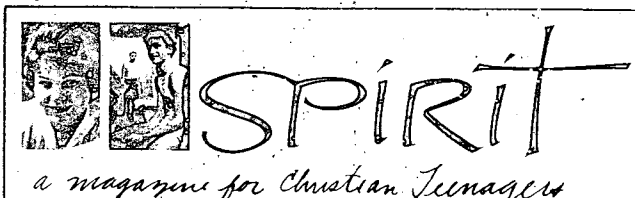
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		Elmer Witt	Paul Schreivogel

The following 2 sections are photographed from an article in the February, 1965 SPIRIT, Missouri Synod youth publication.

The 1965 international Walther League convention isn't too far off. Your reporter wanted to get all the facts. The person with all the answers is Paul A. Schreivogel of the Walther League staff, the man who serves as director of the convention.

Where is the 1965 international Walther League convention going to be held?

The location of the 70th international Walther League convention is Squaw Valley, Calif., in the High Sierra. Squaw Valley was the site of the winter Olympic Games in 1960. It is an area of majestic beauty. From the valley floor, peaks climb to the height of 3,000 feet. Squaw Valley is also adjacent to beautiful Lake Tahoe and famous Donner Pass.

What are the dates?

The convention is to be held Monday, July 5, through Friday, July 9, 1965. You will note that the dates are preceded and followed by a weekend. July 5, our opening day, is also a legal holiday; thus only four days are involved for those who might have a vacation problem. The two weekends allow adults and young people additional travel time.

Who are some of the outstanding entertainers or speakers?

At the time of this interview I hesitate to mention all our potential program participants. Only after we have received firm commitments from these people may we publicize their names. We do have some commitments from people who were involved in earlier conventions. Among them are Donald Busarow of Detroit, who did the excellent work of handling the music in Washington, D. C., and Profs. Paul Harms and Norman Habel, both of whom were also with us at Washington, D. C.

New faces will also be on view. I think the young people will be pleased with the quality of the finished program.

Can you at least give a hint of the featured person?

All right, you win. The first commitment we have received is for the appearance of Pete Seeger on the convention program. As you know, he is one of the world's best classical folk singers. Life magazine recently called him a "minstrel with a mission."


Ann Landers, noted news columnist and author, will also be at the convention.

That's all the program information you can get out of me now, but it should be enough to whet your appetite.

Will there be Bible study?

Yes, there will be Bible study. Such study is, of course, the key to the convention. In it God speaks to us through His Word and comes forth and shows His will to help and His power to act for us. Even now I can just picture the young people studying His Word in the magnificent setting of lakes and hills and skies that He Himself created.

Photographed from March, 1965 THROUGH TO VICTORY.



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Pete Seeger, Identified Communist, To Entertain at Walther League Convention

Southern California Leaguer, official organ of the Southern California District Walther League of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, carries this notice in its January 29, 1965, issue concerning the International Convention at Squaw Valley, California.

This year's convention will be very unique, highlighting the following features:

- An Exodus theme
- We'll have a "sit-in" with Israel and meet their God I AM.
- In a modern scene.
- We'll look at our own Pharaoh's and slavery, deliverance and freedom.
- With old faces
- Don Busarow, Norm Habel, Paul Harms — men with a yen for the Scriptures spoken in music and drama for the day.
- With new faces
- Ann Landers speaking to the call to be male and female.
- Folk singer PETE SEEGER providing a musical interlude.
- Paul Pfotenbauer and R. Z. Meyer reaching through to us in new forms of worship and Bible study.

Who Is Pete Seeger?

An organization, known as "Citizens Committee of California, Inc." has given us the following information:

Seeger is a sort of hill-billy "proletariat" who picks up a guitar and sings what he calls "people's songs." A few years ago, Seeger and some others organized "People's Songs, Inc." A Communist testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (2/6/52), stated that the directors of the organization were "members of the Communist Party cell. . . ." At that time the House Committee's Counsel (Mr. Tavenner) identified "People's Songs" as "An organization which, according to its issues of February and March, 1947, was composed of a number of persons who have been called before this Committee or identified by this Committee as members of the Communist Party, and the purpose of which . . . was to extend services of the Communist Party in its entertainment projects." Seeger is the director of "People's Songs, Inc."

Dickson P. Hall, who operated within the Communist Party as an FBI undercover man, testified that the "Party has songs which are more or less traditional with people in struggle." They are used to animate and influence audiences. The Communists have long had a slogan "Art is a weapon" and have used musicians, writers, actors to serve their cause.

Pete Seeger was called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (8/18/55) for interrogation about his affiliations. During the questioning he was asked whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party as of July 4, 1955, and when he refused to answer he was asked, "Are you a member of the Communist Party now?" Again he refused to answer the question (P. 2460 —HCUA Report, Aug. 18, 1955.)

Before the House Committee Seeger consistently refused responsive answers. He was asked if he put on his singing "concerts" to raise money for the Communist Party. He refused to answer. Other testimony has established that the Communists do promote certain "artists" and take a substantial slice of the receipts. This "People's Songs" project headed by Seeger has a long record of pro-Communist activity.

In its Annual Report of December 28, 1952, the House Committee on Un-American Activities said under its title "Communist Activities Among Youth Groups" that in entertainment, and the "folk song field" many of the songs "belong to the Communist-controlled 'People's Songs' which recently changed its name to 'People's Artists'."

The records show that scores of announcements of Seeger's programs have appeared in the Daily Worker and other Communist papers over the years. The People's World (West Coast CP paper) on Feb. 8, 1959, carried a long article by old-time Communist writer Mike Gold titled "Paeon to Pete Seeger and American Music." He eulogized Seeger and described his dialectical-class singing technique. American Mercury magazine for July, 1959, says (p. 149) "Pete Seeger, Chattanooga guitarist-singer, who has taken part in Highlander Folk School activities, has been cited 66 times for subversive activities."

Out of what has been reported here, the question arises as to how Seeger who has been identified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as "the best known of all the Communist Party's entertainers," could be engaged to play and sing for our Walther Leaguers? Just who is on the committee that selected Pete Seeger for this program? We would be happy if someone could furnish us with this information.

A Red Is A Red Is A Red

We must realize that we are at war with the communists. They know it for they started it. But many Americans treat these criminal conspirators as if they were reputable citizens of the U.S.A. Communists are Communists wherever they are! There is no such thing as a good Communist and a bad Communist. They all are the same for they all are taught and believe the same evil doctrines. There is no difference between a Soviet Communist, a Chinese Communist, a Viet Cong Communist, and an American Communist. They all are dedicated to the overthrow of all existing governments other than their own. World conquest is their goal. The destruction of all religions, especially the Christian religion, is an obsession with them.

Does anyone in his right mind believe for one moment that a Communist Youth Group would engage a true Christian Gospel singer to sing "Jesus Lover of My Soul" or "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" for any of their meetings? Or sing songs that would ridicule the Communist Party? Just so little should we condone the insanity of engaging an identified Communist to sing his brand of "folk songs" before our Christian young people. The Reds are no such fools. Why should we be?

If those responsible for putting Seeger on the Walther League Convention Program are allowed to get by with this, what will stop them from engaging Gus Hall, Frank Wilkinson, Herbert Aptheker, or some other identified Communist as keynote speaker for the next convention? And, judging by the way the Walther League official publication, Arena, has nose-dived from one of the finest, most conservative youth periodicals in the land with 70,000 paid subscribers under Dr. Walter A. Maier, to a third-rate propaganda medium with less than 6,000 subscribers under the present editorial policy, it certainly can happen at one of the not too far distant conventions. —P.C.N.

REGARDING FALSE DOCTRINE AND PERSECUTION IN ARENA

One of the most shocking statements ever made in any of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's official publications is that found in the January-February 1965 issue of Arena by the Rev. Wayne Saffen, Campus Pastor at the University of Chicago. On Page 14, in his article, "A Lutheran Looks at the Jews," he states:

"This latter implies a theological viewpoint with which many Christians would disagree, but which is emerging out of biblical studies. It is that it may be God's purpose to deal with the Jews as His chosen people in His own merciful way without requiring their conversion to Christianity while dealing with Gentiles in the Church. There is an unbiblical presumption in believing that Jews are 'lost' because they are not Christian. Rather than Jews joining the church it seems more biblical to say that Christians are incorporated in Israel, becoming the children of promise by grace and not by birthright."

The Bible Calls This "Damnable Heresy"

Pastor Saffen states "that it may be God's purpose to deal with the Jews . . . without requiring conversion to Christianity." However, our Lord Jesus tells the unbelieving Jews in His day: "I said therefore unto you, ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). Again the Scriptures declare: "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:18,36). Jesus further declares: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). "If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6). "He that believeth and is baptized

shall be saved; but He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). And the prince of the Apostles, addressing the rulers and elders of Israel, categorically states: "Neither is there salvation in any other (than Jesus Christ, i.e.): for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). And John the Beloved adds: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father" (1 John 2:22-23). And finally Peter comes right out and calls the denial of our Lord "damnable heresy." "There shall also be false teachers among you, who shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (2 Pet. 2:1).

These are crystal clear passages from the Bible showing that there are not two ways of salvation — one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. With the kind of Bible interpretation now current among so-called modern "theologians," we can expect anything to "emerge out of biblical studies" with the exception of the truth.

Pastor Saffen further makes the unwarranted assumption that the present day apostate Jews represent the true Israel. St. Paul reminds us, "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly . . . but he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God" (Rom. 2:28-29). "For we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus . . . and if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:26-29). What could be clearer than these passages of Holy Writ?

"Our Damned Piety of Quietism"

Pastor Saffen also states on page 13: "Did it ever occur to Christians to ask forgiveness from those whom they have persecuted? — in the Name of Jesus Christ of all people! The whole blessed mess cannot all be laid on the shoulders of Hitler and so absolve the rest of us from our damned piety of quietism." When a person's arguments are miserably weak and helplessly anemic he sometimes resorts to cursing. We fear this is the case with "theologian" Saffen when he blames us Christians for what he calls "our damned piety of quietism."

I ask you, are we Christians to be blamed for the sins of godless men like Hitler? What Christian ever persecuted the Jews? Now, of course, if denouncing Jewish sins is "persecution" and "hatred," then, no doubt, all Christians are "guilty." Then Jesus Christ is most guilty. (Cf. Matt. 23: 13-39; Luke 11: 39-54).

The historical fact is that the Jews, especially the religious leaders, who would not accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah, are the ones who first persecuted the Christians. They instigated the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Jewish leaders stoned Stephen, the first Christian martyr (Acts 7). They instigated the persecution and stoning of St. Paul. (Cf. Acts 9:23-25; 14:1,2,19 etc.) However, no reference to this is made in Arena in any of the statements on persecution.

Besides, Hitler has been dead for some twenty years, and they are blaming Christians who were not even born at that time for what Hitler did. Jews today are not only the wealthiest people on earth, they have many top positions in governments all over the world. Their power, wealth and prestige is proportionately greater than that of any other people in the world. How could these people prosper if they are so persecuted?

Would it not be more appropriate and honest to talk about the quietism of Christians concerning the persecution of fellow Christians in Communist lands? It is estimated that one hundred million people are in slave labor camps in Communist lands today. It is further estimated that well over a hundred million have already been put to death by the Communists throughout the world since 1917. Isn't this something, rather, that should bestir a Christian before this holocaust also engulfs us? Our danger is not from Nazism. Nazism is a dead horse. Why continue to kick a dead horse? Our danger is from Communism — both internal and external. This is something the Reds know. Therefore, to divert our attention from the persecutions of Christians and non-Christians alike that are going on today, the Communists are forever playing up the persecutions under Hitler and playing down the greatest mass murders the world has ever witnessed under atheistic Communism. It would be just as idiotic to hold us Christians responsible for the slaughter of millions by the godless Reds today as it is to hold us Christians responsible for the persecution of the Jews by the godless Nazis two decades ago. —P.C.N.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT ARENA?

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. If we sit on our hands and allow our youth to be contaminated by some of the material that appears in Arena, then we have no one to blame but ourselves. If we are so unconcerned about what is being fed to our youth through our publications, then we deserve to have them grow up so broad-minded that they become shallow, so doctrinally indifferent that they become easy prey to any false doctrine, so indifferent to the truth that they embrace error.

If you are really concerned but fail to pray and to act and to work for what is right, then are you not shirking your duty as a disciple of Christ? This writer is of the opinion that our clergy and our teachers and our laity in general are devout, conservative Christians. He is also of the opinion that those who present views similar to the ones expressed by the Rev. Wayne Saffen in Arena are in the minority. But such theologically false views will continue to be expressed in Arena unless those who stand for sound doctrine will rise up as an army and protest in no uncertain terms.

Let us bear in mind that Arena is the official organ of our Walther League and should have as its purpose the development of Christian manhood and womanhood. How important this is since the youth of our Church today will be the leaders of our Church tomorrow.

Not a Pretty Picture

But Arena, under the editorship of the Rev. Alfred P. Klauser, has radically departed from the high principles and sound doctrine established by the founders of the Walther League Messenger (now Arena). No wonder that subscriptions to Arena have plummeted from 70,000 under Dr. Walter A. Maier to less than 6,000 as of December 1964. This indicates the dissatisfaction of many of our clergy, youth counselors, parents, and young people with the present editorial policy.

The Synodical Convention will be held June 16-25 at Detroit, Michigan. There still is time to draw up a memorial or a petition to the Convention demanding that Alfred P. Klauser be removed as Editor of Arena. Such memorials may be drawn up by districts, circuit conferences, congregations, or individuals. They must be duly signed by communicant members or designated officers and sent to the President of our Synod, Dr. Oliver R. Harms, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. You may solicit signatures from any communicant member of the Missouri Synod if you wish. The memorial or petition must be in the hands of the President by March 10 in order to be printed in the Book of Memorials. However, any memorial sent in up to 10 days before the Convention must be considered. If you wish, you may also send a copy or a notice of your memorial to Through to Victory. —P.C.N.

Walther League Defends Seeger

The announcement that Pete Seeger, an identified Communist, is scheduled to appear at the 70th International Walther League Convention in Squaw Valley, California, this July, has stirred considerable opposition within The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The Executive Committee of a group of several hundred Missouri Synod Lutherans is petitioning the Missouri Synod's June, 1965, convention to request Walther League officials to prevent an identified Communist from appearing at the Lutheran youth convention in California.

Rev. Paul Neipp, the Missouri Synod editor of THROUGH TO VICTORY, urged Missouri Synod Lutherans in the March issue of his "Conservative Monthly Publication for Lutheran Laymen for Christ and Country" to send letters of protest to Dr. Oliver Harms, president of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Some pastors have already expressed their concern to Walther League officials. Dr. August Brustat, a recognized authority on communism, who has lectured on the subject in almost every state in this nation, wrote to the Rev. Elmer Witt, Executive Director of the Walther League:

Request Cancellation

"I have been deeply concerned, upon reading the publicity issued in connection with the Walther League Convention at Squaw Valley, California, July 5-9, 1965.

"Two things particularly are objectionable to me.

"The first is the scheduling of Pete Seeger on the program. Years ago, we in Westchester County, New York, concerned about subversion, had to deal with the Pete Seeger problem. I am enclosing a copy of the April, 1961 Westchester SPOTLIGHT which presents the story succinctly. I would respectfully request the cancellation of his appearance before our impressionable youth at the forthcoming Convention.

"Secondly, just what is the ad-

Photographed from April 1961 WESTCHESTER SPOTLIGHT

1952 COMMUNIST MAY DAY PARADE



PETE SEEGER DISGRACING THE UNIFORM OF OUR COUNTRY

vertising poster to depict anyway? What does it mean? What is it to convey? Have we forgotten that our enemies also use art as a medium of confusion and subversion? This poster is to me a classic example of its use--whether done consciously or not.

"I write as one vitally interested in the church's youth, as one who has served for two terms as President of the Metropolitan District of the League, as its Membership Secretary, as well as in District Youth work.

"Please, as born again Christians, let's stop this playing into the hands of our enemies!

"I am sending a copy of this letter, which I consider open, to 'Through to Victory' and 'Lutheran News.'"

Very truly yours,

A. Brustat

Pastor

We are reproducing below the first page of the April, 1961, Westchester SPOTLIGHT, which Dr. Brustat sent to the Executive Director of the Walther League. The picture above of Pete Seeger participating in the 1952 Communist May Day parade is also from this issue of THE

WESTCHESTER SPOTLIGHT.

On February 18 we wrote to director of the Walther League convention: "A man in your position is undoubtedly aware of Mr. Seeger's past record and the well publicized statements about him in various reports of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"Have any officials of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod protested against your inviting Mr. Seeger to appear on the Walther League program? If Missouri Synod officials have protested, does the Walther League still intend to keep Mr. Seeger on the program?"

Refuse to Heed Protests

The reply we received from the Walther League official is reproduced below. It appears as if Walther League officials will not withdraw their invitation to Pete Seeger. Two years ago these same officials refused to listen to the protests of Missouri Synod Lutherans who objected to the liberal theological views of some of the Walther League convention speakers. These youth officials know exactly what they are doing and in which direction they want to lead the youth of the Missouri

Synod. It now remains to be seen whether the top officials of the Missouri Synod will continue to give them a free hand in directing, or as some might say, "brainwashing" the youth of their church.

No Communist

The Walther League official, who answered us, says that "Before Pete Seeger was scheduled to appear, we found that he does indeed speak from a background of integrity and has an important and timely message to the Church and young people. We have also found that he is not and never has been a communist. His own testimony states, 'I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything subversive of my country.'"

We ask our readers to compare these statements with the various pages we photographically reproduced from reports of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in the February 22 LUTHERAN NEWS. Extra copies of the February 22 LUTHERAN NEWS are available without charge.

If Pete Seeger is not or has never been a communist, then why does he not make this statement under oath when testifying before a responsible committee of the United States government?

If Walther League officials have reliable evidence to discredit the sworn testimony presented to the HCUA and evidence to prove that Pete Seeger is not a communist, we suggest they present this evidence to the House Committee on American Activities, the committee which has repeatedly stated that Seeger has been identified as "a member of the Communist party."

We have checked with a number of leading anti-communist research directors to make certain our reports on Pete Seeger were accurate. Pete Seeger was found guilty of contempt of Congress in 1961, but this conviction was reversed because the appeals court held the indictment to be "defective because it failed to define properly the authority of the subcommittee to conduct hearings." Because of this technicality, Seeger was freed of the

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contempt indictment and one year prison sentence.

An Explosive Issue

According to testimony of Harvey M. Matusow in February, 1952, he joined People's Songs in September, 1947, and found a communist cell in it at the time Seeger was an officer of the organization (House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings, February 6 and 7, 1952, p. 3286.) Mr. Matusow identified Seeger as a member of the Communist Party (same testimony p. 3297). At this hearing the HCUA counsel, Frank Tavenner, identified "People's Songs" as--"An organization which, according to its issues of February and March, 1947, was composed of a number of persons who have been called before this Committee or identified by this Committee as members of the Communist Party, and the purpose of which...was to extend services of the Communist Party in its entertainment projects."

The 1962 Annual Report of the HCUA, p. 27, states: "On April 24, 1962, THE WORKER (Communist Party newspaper) announced a 'Folk and Jazz Concert' to raise funds for the USFC (United States Festival Committee). Identified Communist Party member Peter Seeger was listed among persons scheduled to perform."

If top Missouri Synod officials do not act to stop the liberal officials in charge of the Missouri Synod's youth, the Walther League's invitation to an identified communist could prove to be one of the most explosive issues before the Missouri Synod's 1965 convention.

Conservative leaders of other denominations have already commented on the invitation to Pete Seeger. Dr. G. Archer Weniger wrote in the March 2 BLU-PRINT: "Who would ever think that the most 'conservative' of the large Lutheran bodies would schedule an atheist for the international convention of the Walther League July 5-9, 1965 at Squaw Valley, California...Since

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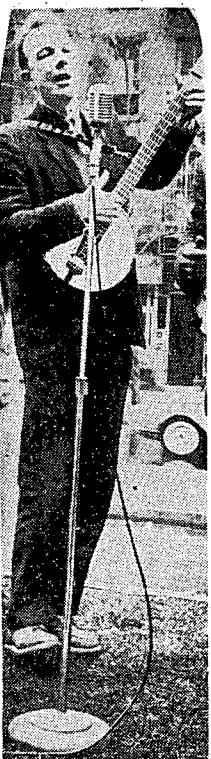


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WILL CONVICTED PETE SEEGER ORGANIZE A PRISON QUARTET?



ENTERTAINS RALLY--Peter Seeger, folk singer who was found guilty last Wednesday of contempt of Congress, leading group in "Roll On," a song about the dangers of nuclear warfare.

N. Y. Herald Tribune
April 2, 1961

The law caught up with Pete Seeger, notorious Party-line singer not of the "blues" but of the "reds." Seeger, who resides in Beacon, N. Y., has long been a darling of Westchester left-wingers and pseudo-liberals. Our committee over the years has sought to educate school authorities, newspapers and other groups regarding his background and record, as well as regarding The Weavers, a quartet he organized. (See our November, 1958, and November, 1959, issues.) It took a jury of twelve Americans only one hour and twenty minutes to find Pete Seeger guilty on all ten counts of an indictment charging him with contempt of Congress.

Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy sentenced Seeger to one year in jail and asked the singer once again if he was then, or ever had been, a member of the Communist Party. Seeger once again declined to answer. In line with the Red objective of degrading and debasing everything, particularly the dignity of any court, Seeger brought his banjo into the courtroom and asked Judge Murphy if he could sing a song "which I think is apropos." Judge Murphy refused the request. Assistant U.S. Attorney Irving Younger told the court that Mr. Seeger had, between 1942 and 1945, "appeared at twenty-four separate events sponsored by organizations which may be described as subversive." Mr. Younger also said that the singer had been identified as a Communist Party member in 1949. Pete Seeger appeared before the U. S. House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1955 and refused to answer questions concerning Communist Party activities and membership. He had been an incorporator and director of the Party's early cultural front, People's Songs of which a 1948 California Senate report stated: "Needless to say all of the productions of People's Songs, Inc. follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

In the picture at the left, Pete Seeger is shown, just a few days after his conviction, entertaining (we believe "inciting") would be a more accurate description) the "peace marchers" holding a rally at the United Nations under the auspices of the radical-pacifist National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. The

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March 1, 1965

Mr. Herman Otten
New Haven
Missouri

Dear Mr. Otten:

Letters are coming in following the radio broadcast and circular which have accused the Walther League of scheduling a "known communist" to appear at its International Convention in Squaw Valley, California, this summer. Most letters were written by concerned and honest Christian laymen and pastors. We welcome this type of concern for the Christian youth ministry.

May I first say that the International Walther League does indeed check into the background of all persons appearing on its Convention programs. Young people who will gather at Squaw Valley deserve to hear persons qualified to speak from a background of integrity and who have a mission and a message to relate.

Before Pete Seeger was scheduled to appear, we found that he does indeed speak from a background of integrity and has an important and timely message to the Church and its young people. We have also found that he is not and never has been a communist. His own testimony states, "I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything in anyway subversive of my country."

We are pleased with the many people who have "put the most charitable construction" upon the acts of the accused. We praise those of you who are driven by Christian conscience to take these minimal steps: begin by assuming the innocence of the accused; seek to determine how the person himself answers to the charge; test the documentation of the accusations; request information from others who should be in a position to know something about the circumstances which produced the personal attack.

To help you in your concern, we are assembling information to answer in detail all questions which have been asked about Pete Seeger and the reasons for his selection to appear on the Squaw Valley Convention program. This information will be shared with you to assist you in your personal ministry to defend this man who has been slandered and to support the ministry of the Walther League Staff and Board. I trust your study of this material will assist us in the mission of the Church, that of being careful servants of His Word, and showing love and wisdom as He gives it for our dealings with fellow people of God.

In the joy of our living Lord,

Paul A. Schreivogel
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Associate Director--Convention Chairman

Book Reviews

IN GOD IS OUR HELP

IN GOD IS OUR HELP by Paul C. Neipp. Order from the author, 731 North Sanders Ave., Ridgecrest, Calif. Single copy 50¢, 3 for \$1.00. Reduced prices in quantity. 50 pages.

The capable editor of the forceful anti-Communist monthly publication THROUGH TO VICTORY recognizes the spiritual nature of our current battle with the forces of evil for the minds of men. He recognizes that the matter is ultimately in the hands of God. But, he also recognizes the urgency of earnest prayer by all of the Lord's people in behalf of our Country, our Christianity, our Church, our children, our freedoms and liberties. To assist the Christian in this vital matter and to direct our prayer-thoughts, he has prepared this excellent volume of 32 prayers with brief resumes on the question: HOW to pray.

The petitions are clear, concise, and direct, beseeching the Almighty for deliverance from political foes and religious charlatans. They contain urgent calls to penitence, faith and courage.

If millions of individual Christians throughout the land would follow the suggestion and pray daily, and if these prayers were extensively used in our homes, churches, schools and meetings, showers of spiritual blessing would descend upon our troubled world from on High, and we confidently believe that the tide in this warfare would turn in favor of Truth and Justice and Righteousness.

Buy this precious little volume and use it.

August W. Brustat

THE FABRIC OF TERROR

THE FABRIC OF TERROR, by Bernardo Teixeira, introduction by Robert Ruark. Afterword by James Burnham, published by The Devin-Adair Company, 23 East 26th Street, New York, 19-65, 176 pages, \$4.95.

In this book Bernardo Teixeira from eye witness accounts tells what happened during three days of terror in March, 1961, in Angola, West Africa.

The rapes and tortures and robberies and obscenities and arsons committed by Communist backed terrorists on March 15, 1961 in Angola were worse than all the combined atrocities of the Portuguese in 500 years of civilization.

Holden Roberto, who in 1959 was welcomed by several UN delegations, the State Department, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, led the terrorist organization which claimed credit for the almost unbelievable massacres described in THE FABRIC OF TERROR.

James Burnham, one of the

editors of NATIONAL REVIEW, writes in his Afterword to this book: "Holden Roberto and his advisers do not believe, however, and have probably never believed that armed struggle is their main road to victory. They agree with the judgment of their admirer and volunteer propagandist, Clifford Parsons, former Baptist missionary in Angola, that 'militarily, it must appear as though the nationalists have little chance of success.' Their primary reliance is on political warfare conducted not in Angola itself but in the world arena: in the many outlets of the world press open to their propaganda, in the Afro-Asian bloc and the United Nations, and in the chancelleries of those many nations judging, for one or another reason, that they have something to gain by sailing with the African wind. The campaign of the revolutionaries has therefore been conducted principally in these terms, and on the political warfare front has won impressive victories, as the votes in the UN bodies and the anti-Portuguese bias of most of the press demonstrate.

"Not the least of the propaganda victories has been the concealment of the events of March 15, 1961. And even today, some readers of this book will wonder: Can these horrors that Bernardo Teixeira recounts really be true? Can they possibly be true? Is it conceivable that human beings actually ran other humans through rotary saws and played football with the hacked off limbs of babies? Is not just much of this fiction invented by the Portuguese?"

"Alas for mankind, not only are these things true, but these things are not the worse of what Holden Roberto's squads did and have done; of some things it is simply not possible to write. A very brief study of the evidence removes any rational doubt."

Churchmen, who have swallowed the propaganda that the uprisings in Angola were merely native "freedom fighters," should read this volume and become better informed.

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG AND HIS WORLD OF TOMORROW

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG AND HIS WORLD TOMORROW, by Noel Smith, 1964, published by the Baptist Bible Tribune, Springfield, Missouri, 61 pages, Paper, \$1.00.

Millions today are being misled by cultic leaders who reject historic Christianity. Noel Smith, editor of the Bible Baptist Tribune, unmasks one of these anti-Christian cultic leaders in this brochure.

Herbert W. Armstrong's WORLD TOMORROW broadcast claims: "Twenty-two million

Only Way To Heaven

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Hector, Scipio, and Hercules will enjoy the eternal bliss in Paradise with Peter and Paul and the other saints. He thereby publicly declares that faith and Christianity mean nothing. For if Scipio and Numa Pompilius, who were idolaters, have been saved, what need was there for Christ to suffer and die? Or why should it be necessary that the Christian should be baptized or that Christ be preached and men directed to go to Him?...The Enthusiasts know nothing of the Christian faith and teach and believe exactly what has been taught in popedom viz.: If a man does what lies in his power, he will thereby be saved." (SAEMM-TICHE SCHRIFTEN, II, 1828)

"Tell me you who are a Christian, what need is there of Bap-

people hear this dynamic Message every week, on every inhabited continent of the earth. And today, just as 1900 years ago, multitudes are ASTONISHED at His doctrine, and say: 'No man ever spoke like this!' It is as shockingly different today as it was then." (THE INSIDE STORY OF THE WORLD TOMORROW BROADCAST)

The January, 1965, issue of Armstrong's PLAIN TRUTH magazine reports a circulation of 545,000. German and French editions are published in London. The first edition of GOD SPEAKS OUT ON 'THE NEW MORALITY' (324 pages), just published by Armstrong's own Ambassador College Press, states that 250,000 copies were printed and that the book "is given FREE, as a Ministry of Love, by THE PLAIN TRUTH magazine in conjunction with the Graduate School of Theology, Ambassador College."

Herbert Armstrong is founder and chancellor of three Ambassador Colleges: one in Pasadena, California, one in England, and one is now under construction in Big Sandy, Texas.

The four chapters in Noel Smith's brochure on HERBERT ARMSTRONG are: I. Who He Is and What He Does. II. What He Teaches and Preaches. III. His British Israelism. IV. His Christ and His Gospel.

The Only Authentic Voice

Smith states in his introduction: "I have tried to handle as gently as possible a man who claims that no authentic voice of Christianity was heard on this earth from the time that Titus destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple in A.D., 70, until the first week of January, 1934--when Herbert Armstrong suddenly appeared on the scene. Obviously Mr. Armstrong considers himself the only authentic voice of Christianity on earth today."

"The gentleman has fared much better at my hands than he would fare at the hands of Peter, John, and Paul. If they were here, they would clobber him mercilessly."

Smith quotes Armstrong at some length and clearly demonstrates that Armstrong's Christ is not the Christ of Holy Scripture and Historic Christianity. Armstrong's Christ is not the God-Man who gave His life as a vicarious satisfaction for the sins of all men. Armstrong, like all other anti-Christian cultic leaders, rejects the central saving truth that man is justified by faith alone.

History has witnessed an almost endless number of such false leaders who pose as true prophets of God's truth. They come and go but it is unfortunate that so many are misled by the soul-destroying doctrines of these false prophets.

We recommend Noel Smith's brochure for all those who are seeking a Christian answer to Herbert W. Armstrong and his WORLD TOMORROW.

tism, the Sacrament, Christ, the Gospel, the Prophets, and Holy Scripture if such wicked heathen, Socrates, Aristides...Scipio, the Epicurean, are holy and blessed, are with the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and Apostles in heaven, though they knew nothing of God, Scripture, Gospel, Christ, Baptism, Sacrament, or of the Christian faith." (XV, 1767, See Theodore Engelder, "Some remarks on the Question of the Salvation of the Heathen," CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY, December, 1945).

"I say that the heathen cannot be saved in any other way than through the Word of Christ" (Ibid. II, 1830).

WHEREAS, It has been announced that the major emphasis of the 1965 convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will be upon missions; and

The New Missionary

WHEREAS, Some missionaries and theologians no longer believe that Christ is the only Way to heaven and publicly state that heathen who die without Christ are not eternally damned;

1. "The person going into the world today to bring man and God together through Christianity is new enough to wear a new name. The old and misguided concepts of 'the missionary' no longer apply to the new witness for the Christ-of-the-world...The new missionary never thinks of Christianity as the only way to God" (ZIONS HERALD, New England Methodist Monthly, February, 1958).

2. "...Why should Christians send missionaries to people who already have a religion of their own?"

"That question troubles many Episcopalians today. It comes up in nearly every discussion of mission work overseas. It certainly isn't 'stupid.' Many of the world's leading theologians regard it as the most profound question confronting Christians in the modern world."

"To answer it, one has to make a choice among three different attitudes toward non-Christian religions."

"One attitude is called 'exclusivism.' It was widely held in all Christian bodies, including our own Church, during the nineteenth century. Today it appears to have relatively few adherents among Episcopalians, but it continues to be the official doctrine of many evangelical or fundamentalist Protestant groups."

"Exclusivists believe that no man can be saved except through conscious faith in Jesus Christ. They recognize no real values in other religions, and they are convinced that all non-Christians are going to hell, however hard these nonbelievers may try to live up-rightly by their own lights..."

"However effective this attitude may be in stimulating ardent missionary effort, it has become deeply repellant to many Christians. They feel it is arrogant to claim that Christians have a monopoly on salvation." (Louis Cassels, "Why Do We Have Missionaries?" THE EPISCOPALIAN, October, 1961).

3. Reporting on the New Delhi Assembly of the World Council of Churches, CHRISTIANITY TODAY noted: "Anxiety ran as deep as approval. A fluid, ambiguous concept of authority (despite the WCC Basis) overarched the proceedings. The gap between Christianity and non-Christian religions was frequently underestimated, despite affirmation of the Gospel's uniqueness; spokesmen like Dr. Joseph Sittler (Lutheran) refused to declare unambiguously that salvation is impossible outside Jesus Christ" (December 22, 1961).

Various Faiths--Same God

4. On June 19, 1955 Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, Director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches and a Lutheran theologian, presided over "A FESTIVAL OF FAITH--A Service of Prayer for Peace and Divine Guidance to the United Nations." He introduced the re-

presentatives of the various faiths; Moslem, Jewish, "Christian", Buddhist, Hindu, and Confucian, as they offered their prayers for peace in this worship service. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OUTLOOK, official organ of the National Council of Churches, pictured this Lutheran official with these various religious leaders in prayerful meditation and said: "They called God by different names--speaking to Him in different tongues, but the dream for peace in their heart was the same" (NATIONAL COUNCIL OUTLOOK, September, 1955).

5. Writing in the April, 1958 issue of the Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Reinhold Niebuhr, a United Church of Christ professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York, charged that Christian missionary work to convert the Jews is both "futile and wrong." According to Niebuhr, the Jew can "find God more easily in terms of his own religious heritage" than by submitting himself to the "hazards" of Christianity. (THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, April 30, 1958).

The Traveisty of Conversion

6. A Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman has written: "At the University of Chicago the most respected and most dearly beloved clergyman was Rabbi Maurice Pekarski. All the chaplains established their credentials by making a point publicly how much they like him and saying that he was 'near' or in the Kingdom of God, as established by Christian Kingdom boundary markers..." "More than that, we had an almost vested interest in acknowledging his integrity as a Jew and the last thing that any of us would have done would have been to try the travesty of conversion."

"The latter implies a theological viewpoint with which many Christians would disagree, but which is emerging out of biblical studies. It is that it may be God's purpose to deal with Jews as his chosen people in his own merciful way without requiring their conversion to Christianity while dealing with Gentiles in the Church. There is an unbiblical presumption in believing that Jews are 'lost' because they are not Christian" (Wayne Saffen, ARENA, January-February, 1965).

7. Some Missouri Synod theologians, who have been participating in a series of dialogues with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in St. Louis, have refused to declare that the Holy Trinity is the only God who exists and that all those who die without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ are lost in eternal destruction; therefore

Be it resolved, that the 1965 convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod declare that all Missouri Synod pastors and professors must teach that Christ is the only Way to heaven and that the heathen who die without Christ are eternally damned; and be it further

Resolved, that this be clearly stated under Article VIII of the Bylaws of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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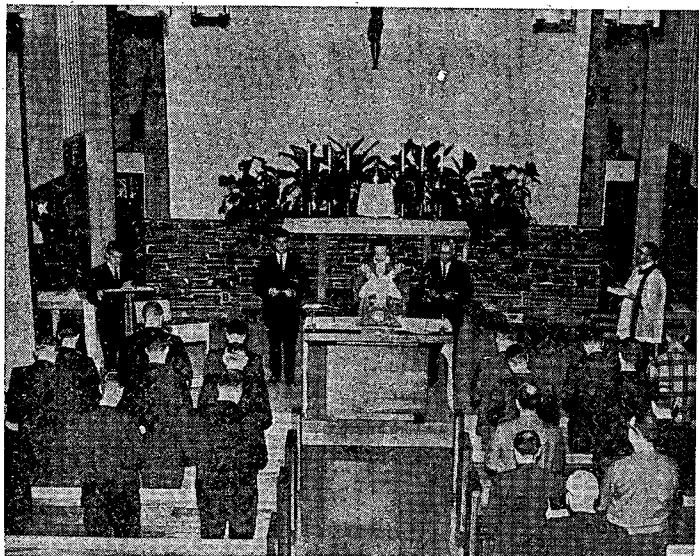
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Twenty-eight Lutheran and Catholic laymen from the Puget Sound area recite the Nicene Creed during a Mass highlighting the first interreligious retreat held in the Seattle-Tacoma area. The Lutherans joined in the retreat at the invitation of Father Francis Cony, C.S.S.R., director of Palisades Retreat House between Seattle and Tacoma. The group engaged in periods of absolute silence, privately and together, in prayer and meditation, and joined in informal discussions which were followed by summaries by a leader from each group. (RNS Photo)

OPERATION UNDERSTANDING 3A
March 7, 1965 Edition of Our Sunday Visitor

A Challenge to Lutheran Youth Officials

We continue to receive inquiries regarding the appearance of Pete Seeger, who has been repeatedly identified by government witnesses as a Communist (see LUTHERAN NEWS, February 22, for documentation), at the July, 1965, international convention of the Missouri Synod's Walther League.

To the best of our knowledge this invitation has not yet been withdrawn. Mr. Paul A. Schreivogel, a Walther League official, wrote us on March 1: "Before Pete Seeger was scheduled to appear, we found that he does indeed speak from a background of integrity and has an important and timely message to the Church and its young people. We have also found that he is not and never has been a communist. His own testimony states, 'I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything in anyway subversive of my country.'"

We have asked the Missouri Synod's Praesidium to let us know if it intends to ask the officials of the Walther League to withdraw their invitation to an "identified Communist."

While liberal youth officials of various major protestant denominations in this country have been regularly inviting liberal speakers, who reject the fundamental doctrines of historic Christianity, to appear at youth conventions, it appears as if the officials of the Missouri Synod's Walther League are trying to go one step further. Even pastors of other denominations are asking: "Who would ever think that the most 'conservative' of the large Lutheran bodies would schedule an atheist for the international convention of the Walther League July 5-9, 1965 at Squaw Valley" (BLU-PRINT, March 2, 1965).

Some good may come out of this invitation to Pete Seeger. Perhaps enough Missouri Synod Lutherans will demand an official evaluation of the entire Walther League program and its publications.

Han Lilje

Four years ago Walther League officials invited Bishop Hans Lilje to address the International Walther League at Moorhead, Minnesota. Dr. Martin Scharlemann was also a guest speaker at this youth convention in 1961. Bishop Lilje has publicly defended the radical anti-Christian views of Rudolf Bultmann.

Dr. Scharlemann contends that there are errors of fact in the Bible.

Mr. Dick Gregory and Dr. John Gergely were invited to speak at the last Walther League convention in Washington, D.C. two years ago.

On page 7 we are reprinting several reports on this convention. The quotations are taken from a recording made at the convention. On this page we are reproducing "The Lord's Prayer" by the Walther League official who is chairman of the 1965 Walther League convention. The WORKER'S QUARTERLY is an official Walther League publication.

The October, 1964, Walther League WORKER'S QUARTERLY also contains an article by Prof. Norman Habel another scheduled speaker at the 1965 Walther League convention. Prof. Habel rejects the Mosaic authorship of the first five books of the Bible and does not believe it is false doctrine to deny the historicity of the Jonah. In the October, 1964, WORKER'S QUARTERLY Prof. Habel makes it clear that he does not accept the direct messianic interpretation of Isaiah 7:14. He has one of the actors in his "The Visit of God"—"A Simple Christmas Portrait based upon Psalm 8" declare that a girl whom Isaiah knows will bear a child.

According to Dr. Habel's modernistic view, the "girl" in Isaiah 7:14 is not the Virgin Mary and the "child" is not the Lord Jesus. The "child" of Isaiah 7:14 is only "A living sign of the Immanuel of Bethlehem." Articles in the December 14 and 28, 1964 LUTHERAN NEWS presented solid Biblical evidence supporting the direct Messianic interpretation of Isaiah 7:14 which has always been maintained by historic Christianity.

Dialogs or Debates?

If Walther League officials are going to insist that Pete Seeger appear on their convention program, then we would suggest to these advocates of "academic freedom" that they also invite an intelligent anti-communist such as Dr. Fred Schwarz or Herbert Philbrick, or Rev. Paul Neipp, to appear in a nice friendly "dialog" with Pete Seeger. We believe such a "dialog" would have great value for our youth.

Furthermore, if Walther League officials are going to con-

tinue inviting liberal theologians as guest speakers and entertainers, then we would also suggest that in all fairness these officials invite a competent Bible believing scholar to engage in a "dialog" (we'll use this word since liberals don't like the word "debate") with these liberal theologians on some of the vital doctrinal and practical issues confronting all of Christendom.

Frankly we doubt whether ALC, LCA, and LCMC youth officials would dare expose Lutheran youth to such dialogs. Too many youth might begin to realize just how scripturally and intellectually shallow the views of their liberal youth leaders really are.

How about it Lutheran youth directors? Would you dare invite a leading anti-Communist, such as Fred Schwarz, and a recognized conservative theologian such as Dr. Siegfert Becker, Dr. William Beck, or Dr. Robert Preus to appear on your program? Since you had Hans Lilje from Germany you might consider Kurt Marquart from Australia when you plan your next convention.

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The Lord's Prayer

By Paul Schreivogel

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

ruler
of guys and gals,
of six days or — six sons
of bicycles built for two
and rods built for speed,
of cokes and gossip
and sex and . . . me

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

even when it's tough at
home,
school,
church,
while praying,
or cursing,
or necking

THY KINGDOM COME

for real,
now,
today,
please!

THY WILL BE DONE

with power,
as I was told you have,
with might,
as I know you have,
with love,
O God, why is there so much hate?

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

we will see you on the last day,
help us to see you now,
in the one next to me,
in my next date,
in the cool,
and in the cold

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

You give us bread —
solid bread
liquid wine
solid and liquid fuel
for orbiting lives

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

we goofed,
with friends,
we're afraid,
phonies,
want to be IN
and are so often OUT

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

the tired parent,
the keyed-up coach,
the brainy gal
the brawny guy
the creepy date
the lonely crowd

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

to gripe — rather than like
to "me" — rather than "he"
to mask — rather than face
to sex — rather than love

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

You know the traps I mean

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM

now,
five minutes from now,
always

AND THE POWER

to excite,
to move,
to wake,
to worship

AND THE GLORY

in earth and space
and church and world
in young and old
and white and colored

FOR EVER AND EVER

what else is there to say but . . .

AMEN

that's for sure.

Photographed from THE DENVER POST Sat., Mar. 6, 1965

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Overhaul of Gospel Concept Heads for Clash

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International

Protestantism is heading into the sharpest theological controversy since the fundamentalist-modernist clash of the 1920s.



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The issue is whether the Christian message needs to be radically recast to make it plausible to modern man.

Among those calling for drastic overhaul of the conceptual package in which the gospel is presented are theologians Rudolf Bultmann in Germany and Paul Tillich in the United States.

Their views have been given wide circulation by English Bishop John A. T. Robinson in his book, "Honest To God," and Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California in his book, "A Time for Christian Candor."

Robinson contends that many educated people today reject Christianity "because they cannot accept certain traditional beliefs which were really the envelope in which the message was sent, rather than the message itself."

Pike agrees. "The most formidable roadblock to understanding and acceptance of Christianity," he says, "has been erected by the church itself in its refusal to abandon concepts, words, images and myths developed in past centuries when men were operating under different world-views and different philosophical structures."

The solution, says the California bishop, is to "rethink and restate the unchanging gospel in terms which are relevant to our day and meaningful to the people we would have hear it."

Few theologians or church leaders would argue with that objective. The point in dispute is how far the church can go in "restat-

ing" the gospel before it finds itself offering something besides authentic Christianity.

This concern was forcibly stated by the new presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, in his inaugural sermon at Washington Cathedral on Jan. 27.

"Let us be certain of one thing," he said. "A recasting of the message means relevant reinterpretation of God's self-revelation and NOT the substitution of something different. No matter how critical the problem of communicating with 'modern man,' the church must not dilute her God-revealed tradition."

The Bultmann-Tillich-Robinson-Pike school is not in agreement on which parts of the New Testament are to be retained as "kernel" and which may be jettisoned as out-of-date "husk."

But there is a tacit understanding among most of the re-interpreters that any Biblical account of a physical miracle must automatically be labeled mythical. Even the supreme miracle which gave birth to the church — the resurrection — is regarded as a subjective experience of the disciples rather than an objective historical event.

There also is a general tendency to move away from the concept of personal God toward more abstract and impersonal terminology, such as Tillich's "Ground of Being."

The "new theology" remains Christian at least in the sense of asserting that God or "the ground of being" is revealed to men uniquely and supremely in the life of Jesus Christ. But this belief is often expressed in

language which suggests that Jesus was a man Who was so good and unselfish that God's love shone through His humanity, rather than in Biblical terms of the Word of God becoming flesh and dwelling among men.



BISHOP HINES

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Reverend Elonzo E. Belveal
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Terril, Iowa 51364

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Dear Mr. Belveal:

Your letter of March 18th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual about whom you inquired.

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

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Time of Testing
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
Counterintelligence Activities
Communism--The Incredible Swindle

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E. E. Belveal, Pastor

CHURCH PHONE: 853-2556
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March 18, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We would like some information about a folk singer named Pete Seeger. Is there any evidence that this man is a Communist or connected with any communist group?

Pete Seeger has been scheduled to appear on the program of our Walther League convention, our church's youth organization, this coming July. My fellow pastors in this circuit and I are deeply concerned about reports that this man is a Communist. If he is, we would appreciate any information you could provide us.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

Elonzo E. Belveal

Elonzo E. Belveal, pastor
Terril, Iowa, 51364

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Miss Myrtle M. Leimer
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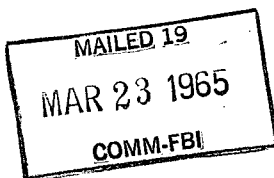
Dear Miss Leimer:

Your letter of March 16th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this policy, no representative of the FBI made any statement along the lines of that about which you inquired. Further, I know you will understand why I cannot make any comment concerning the individual to whom you referred.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

The Story of the FBI

The FBI: The Protector of Civil Liberties

Protecting the Innocent--Law Enforcement's Sacred Task

The Confidential Nature of FBI Reports

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FBI
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

When someone is accused of being a "card carrying communist" & the F.B.I is used as the source, how does one go about verifying this?

I am concerned lest an innocent man be slandered and at being able to ascertain the facts. Responsible documentation is hard to get--How does one obtain it?

The individual in question is the folk singer Pete Seeger. It has been stated that the "FBI stated that he is now a card-carrying communist" Is this true?

Sincerely

Myrtle M. Leimer


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Mrs. Wilbur F. Goecker
Route 2, Box 85
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Dear Mrs. Goecker:

Your letter of March 15th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. In addition, I am unable to direct you to a source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile 100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter - C. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt. Robert Ronstadt was a former paid security informant from December, 1949 until August, 1954. His services were satisfactory and he was discontinued at his own request. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am seeking information on a Pete Seeger, folk singer, and supposedly a known communist.

Since my daughter belongs to an organization that plans to have this man at their National Convention, I would like to get all available information as soon as possible.

A report to the committee on Un-American Activities of October 10, 1962 by Robert Ronstadt is one of the sources mentioned for this accusation.

If you cannot give me this information, will you please tell me how I may find out about this. I do not want my teenager or her friends associating with communists. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Wilbur E. Goecker
RR#2, Box 85
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Informant

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PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

JOAN BAEZ
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 3/16/65 captioned "Peter Seeger, Security Matter - C, and Joan Baez, Security Matter - C."

For your information, Peter Seeger is on the Security Index of the New York Office. Any pertinent information coming to your attention concerning him should be furnished to New York.

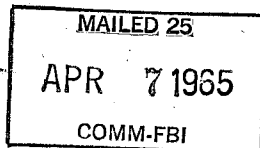
Enclosed herewith for your information is a copy of a memorandum concerning Joan Baez dated 7/26/63, and a copy of Milwaukee letter dated 6/18/63 captioned "Committee to Aid the Bloomington Students, Internal Security - SWP," together with a copy of its enclosure. For your information, no investigation has been conducted on Joan Baez.

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NOTE:

Miami advised that Seeger and Baez, both nationally known folk singers, are booked for concert appearances at the Dade County Auditorium. A Dade County official requested information from Miami Office on Seeger, and was advised in a courteous manner that information in our files is confidential; However, there was public information available concerning him. Miami stated its files contained no information on Baez, and requested background data for informational purposes. Attached is a copy of a summary prepared on her at the Bureau in 1963, and other information referred to therein.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *Jd* SAC, MIAMI (100-14920) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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e JOAN BAEZ
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DATE: 3/16/65

On 3/12/65, Mr. ARTHUR PATTON, Dade County Commissioner, Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted this office to request background information regarding subjects, nationally-known folksingers. Specifically, PATTON requested information as to whether SEEGER is a member of the Communist Party (CP). PATTON explained that SEEGER has been booked into the Dade County Auditorium for a concert appearance on or about 3/28/65. Since booking has been made public, the County Commission has received information indicating the American Legion in Miami intends to picket the concert and possibly stage a demonstration. PATTON expressed concern over this, adding that a counter-demonstration might result, and in general precipitate an unpleasant situation for the County.

It was pointed out to Mr. PATTON, in a courteous manner, that the FBI could not, under any circumstances, furnish him the information he desired, but it was also pointed out that there were a number of public sources which might serve as references on SEEGER. PATTON was referred to local newspaper articles which give a full account of SEEGER's last appearance in Miami on 3/18/63.

PATTON stated that JOAN BAEZ is booked for an appearance at the auditorium the following week.

A search of Miami indices revealed no references identifiable with JOAN BAEZ.

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REQUEST OF BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to supply Miami any available background data regarding BAEZ, for information purposes only.

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Mr. James A. Neumann
222 Donnybrook Lane
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Dear Mr. Neumann:

Your letter of March 13th, with enclosures, has been received.

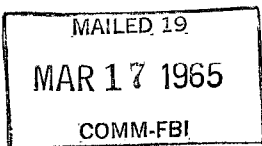
While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual about whom you inquired.

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I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)

Time for Decision

Let's Fight Communism Sanely

The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

Communism--The Incredible Swindle

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

Pete Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He has been on world tours. He is a subject of Bufile

100-200845 reflecting an investigation in the category of Security Matter - C.

He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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222 Donnybrook Lane
Towson 4, Maryland
March 13, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The scope of your activity is indeed far reaching and involves a tremendous amount of time. I would ask, however, that you would consider my difficulty and aid me if at all possible.

I am a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. At a coming International Walther League Convention (consisting of the youth of the church) to be held in Squaw Valley, California, Pete Seeger known folk singer will be in appearance performing for our young people.

Recent news from our church has indicated that some have accused Mr. Seeger of being involved in communist activities or of actually being a communist. The President of our Southeastern District has indicated from a Seeger quote that the man in question is not a communist. The enclosed partial copy of a publication from the Citizens Committee of California, Inc., indicates that Mr. Seeger is affiliated with communists and actually believe he is a such. The church says NO, he is not a communist. The California says YES. Who is correct?

I would indeed be most indebted to you if you could furnish me with the correct information. This whole situation has caused much concern in our church. Would you have any government publications which would aid me in addition to any helpful information you might be able to give? I would like to share this information with all those in this area who handle the youth programs in the church. Would fifty such publications be available? I would be happy to pay for any charges.

Thank you so much for your time and effort in this matter.

Yours most sincerely, 9 MAR 18 1965

James A. Neumann
James A. Neumann
Principal, Teacher, Youth Director,
First Lutheran Church, Towson, Md.

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A NOTE OF CONCERN

"News + Notes"
March, 1965

Attention has been called by various people that the Walther League has scheduled an alleged communist to appear at the Squaw Valley Convention. The person in reference is Pete Seeger.

Members of your parish may have expressed a concern about this. We have received word from the Walther League to the effect that Pete Seeger speaks from a background of integrity and that he is not and never has been a communist. In his own testimony he stated: "I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything in anyway subversive of my country."

Why not stick to inviting ministers or members of our own Church and thus have a "safe" convention? To answer the question properly must require more space. Simply, and for the present: it is true that a message may come to the Church and its youth not simply from within, but also from without the Church. Occasionally when it comes from without, it seems to hit harder and to cause deeper concerns. Such an answer as this can certainly be enlarged on, but for the moment it must suffice.

WE MADE IT

A forthcoming issue of the Lutheran Witness Supplement will carry a brief financial report, which will indicate that we were able to close the year in the "black". We made our Fair Share to Synod. BUT, AND THIS IS A SAD STORY; we were unable to contribute our full share to Church Extension Fund; several District projects had to be deferred. AND, had we not received a special donation of \$9,000 from a layman, we would be in the "red". Hopefully parishes who did not make their fair share will try harder this year!

CALLS ACCEPTED

Rev. John A. Thies, South Bend., Ind., to Holy Cross, Newton, N. C.

Rev. Richard T. Hinz, Seaford, Del., to Head, Religion Dept., Balto. Luth. High School.

Rev. Robert M. Dady, Plattsburgh, N.Y., to Our Savior, Lynchburg, Va.

Rev. Walter D. Volz, Aiken, S. C., to Our Savior, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. Charles S. Baldwin, Washington, D. C., to Inner City, Washington, D. C.

Rev. Lawrence R. Lineberger, Lexington Park, Md., to Bethany, Salisbury, Md.

Teacher T. M. Goehring, Baltimore, Md., to Director, Christian Education, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Fullerton, Calif.

Teacher Allan H. Schmidt, Baltimore, Md., to Baltimore Lutheran High School.

Teacher Kenneth Wunderlich, Glen Burnie, Md., to Baltimore Lutheran High School.

Teacher Walter Becker, Baltimore, Md., to Baltimore Lutheran High School.

CALLS DECLINED

Rev. Gerald E. Kuhn, Falls Church, Va., to Calvary, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Robert M. Raabe, Hazel Crest, Ill., to Emmanuel, Hampton, Va.

Rev. Milton Beer, Pontiac, Illinois, to Emmanuel, Asheville, N. C.

Rev. James Nickel, Lakewood, Ohio, to Our Savior, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. Kenneth Krahn, Fredericksburg, Iowa, to Bethany, Salisbury, Md.

Rev. Charles Mueller, Silver Spring, Md., to Calvary, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Ronald E. Jackson, Ashland, Va., to Emmanuel, Hampton, Va.

Rev. Walter G. Malinsky, Kingsville, Md., to St. John's, Denver, Colorado.

COMMITTEE ON
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1960



JANUARY 2, 1961.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House
on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON : 1961

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The hearings were protested by Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee, with headquarters in Room 201, 421 Seventh Avenue, New York, which issued bulletins and news releases attacking the hearings, chartered buses to carry youth protest delegations to Washington, held meetings and generally conducted a campaign of vilification against the committee.

One rally of the group held on January 31, 1960, featured Clark Foreman, executive director of a cited Communist front, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, as master of ceremonies. At that rally he lavishly praised Harvey O'Connor, an identified Communist. Pete Seeger, another identified Communist, provided entertainment. Mrs. Dorothy Marshall, who has a long record of service to Communist organizations over the years, was also featured on the program.

The committee also found significant the fact that the organization occupies the same rooms and uses the same staff as the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, the principal aim of which is to abolish this committee and discredit the FBI.

After carefully evaluating the testimony and other evidence in its possession, the committee concluded that the Harlem Youth Congress and the Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee are organizations created and controlled by the Communist Party for the purpose of carrying on the Communist program among youth.

Several times in the course of the hearings when uncooperative witnesses expressed defiance of the committee, the protest delegation of the Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee, which packed the hearing room, broke into cheers and applause. The committee chairman had to threaten to clear the hearing room to maintain order.

The hearings provided a good example of how the international Communist apparatus functions in support of its own. At the time of the hearings the committee received 11 protest letters from youth organizations in as many foreign countries. Each of these letters expressed "sorrow," "concern," "astonishment," "distress," etc., that the committee had subpoenaed young Americans who had attended the Vienna Youth Festival in the interests of world peace.

The Communist inspiration behind these letters was apparent from the reference, in all the letters, to *only five witnesses*. Actually, ten witnesses who had attended the Vienna or other youth festivals were subpoenaed to testify in the hearings. The international Communist apparatus apparently had not heard about the four anti-Communist witnesses and did not learn about the sixth Communist witness (who was subpoenaed at a later date) until after the protest letters had been written.

COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

Testimony of Frantisek Tisler ¹

Grim new evidence of the Communists' determination to strip America of its military and political secrets was offered to the committee during the past year by the testimony of Lt. Col. Frantisek Tisler.

¹ See "Communist Espionage in the United States: Testimony of Frantisek Tisler, Former Military and Air Attaché, Czechoslovak Embassy in Washington, D.C.," May 10, 1960, Hearing before Committee on Un-American Activities.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S COLD WAR
AGAINST CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION
OF SUBVERSION

REPORT

AND

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT CARRILLO RONSTADT

COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
EIGHTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS
SECOND SESSION



OCTOBER 10, 1962
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The chairman further described the book as "an absurd attempt to link the Committee to anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, and anti-immigrant prejudices."

SONGS

The February-March, 1961 issue of *Sing Out*, an alleged folk song magazine, featured a propaganda song about the 1960 Communist-instigated riots against the committee. *Sing Out* is edited by Irwin Silber, who was identified as a member of the Communist Party in testimony given this committee in 1952. An associate editor of the magazine, Pete Seeger, has also been identified as a party member. The magazine frequently features favorite Communist Party songs and newly composed party-line lyrics.

Following, as one example of *Sing Out's* numerous anti-committee melodies, are the lyrics of the San Francisco riot song, written to the tune of "Billy Boy":

Did they wash you down the stair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did they wash you down the stair, Charming Billy?
Yes, they washed me down the stair,
And they rearranged my hair
With a club, in the city hall rotunda.

Were there pigeons in the square, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Were there pigeons in the square, Charming Billy?
There were pigeons in the square,
And stool pigeons on the air,
And they fouled up the city hall rotunda.

Did they set for you a chair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did they set for you a chair, Charming Billy?
No the D.A.R. was there,
And there wasn't room to spare,
So we stood in the city hall rotunda.

Was the house committee there, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Was the house committee there, Charming Billy?
The committee, it was there,
Throwing slander everywhere,
While we sang in the city hall rotunda.

Did the people think it fair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did the people think it fair, Charming Billy?
No they didn't think it fair,
And they notified the Mayor,
And he wept, and he wept,
And he wept, and he wept,
While they mopped up the city hall rotunda.

CARTOONS

The Liberty Prometheus Book Club, New York City, has announced publication in the near future of a book entitled *A Quarter Century of Un-Americana*. The book will be composed of derogatory cartoons and similar "art" work created over the years by opponents of the committee.



PEOPLE'S WORLD

Los Angeles ★★ Final
VOL. 27, NO. 37

Price Ten Cents
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER

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1. The Communist Party "is regularly putting out * * * People's
World—weekly newspaper published in San Francisco."
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for
1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)
Prepared and released by the
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Saturday, September 12, 1964



PETE SEEGER
Historic concert

All-star cast of singers oppose Prop. 14

LOS ANGELES — Three of the most famous names in the folk singing field, Pete Seeger, Joan Baez and Theodore Bikel, will make their first joint appearance on a West Coast stage on the evening of Sept. 23 at the Hollywood Bowl when they are scheduled to headline as diversified an evening of folk music as has ever been heard.

From all parts of the country, top folk singers are coming to the concert, which is expected to play before the largest audience ever to attend such a festival, as part of Southern California's effort to defeat the segregation initiative on the November ballot, Prop. 14. The program is sponsored by Young Californians Against Prop. 14.

Others who will perform at the Hollywood Bowl that night include The Dillards, Bessie Griffin and the Gray Singers, Joe and Eddie, the Modern Folk Quartet and Hedy West.

Tickets may be obtained from the Hollywood Bowl office, Mutual Ticket Agencies, and offices of the Automobile Club of Southern California. Prices range from \$2 to \$7.50.

Celebrities vs. Prop. 14

SAN FRANCISCO — A committee to defeat Prop. 14 has been formed in Hollywood under the chairmanship of film star Burt Lancaster and Gordon Stulberg, vice president of Columbia pictures.

As reported by The New York Times (Aug. 17), the committee numbers well over 150 and includes Gregory Peck, Frank Sinatra, James Garner, Charlton Heston, Art Linkletter, Steve Allen, Peter Falk, Gene Kelley, Van Heflin, Robert Goulet, George Hamilton and Milton Berle.

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The organization's chief purpose, said Lancaster, is to raise some \$750,000 for newspaper ads, TV and radio spots urging defeat of the proposition.

A Soviet Balalaika Is Added To Pete Seeger's Repertoire

By ESTHER SHIELDS

MOSCOW — Pete Seeger, back in Moscow after a triumphal swing through other Soviet cities, was telling me about his enthusiastic audiences, when a birthday present arrived from his new Soviet friends. It was a balalaika, sent by the Philharmonic society.

You'll be playing it in your next concert, predicted one of Pete's friends, and that will really bring the house down.

Even without the balalaika,

Pete had no difficulty in winning his audiences in Leningrad, Kiev, Yalta, Tbilisi and Moscow. At least two concerts in every city.

"I couldn't imagine a friendlier audience," he exclaimed. "At the economics institute last night, the crowd showed great eagerness in singing along with me. They sang well, too. And I had fun singing with youngsters at one of Moscow's special English school sessions." Soviet folklorists brought a group of men and women in their sixties to sing old-time songs for him, songs for weddings and holiday

dancing, pensive and humorous love songs.

Pete added film footage of these singers to his world-tour collection.

"I filmed one of the Piatnitsky Chorus musicians, too," Pete said.

"I was very glad to hear this chorus sing. I have admired them for a long time."

Pete also met with young Soviet composers, who performed their own songs and other compositions.

The Seegers also visited a

Ukrainian collective farm, where Pete sang with local farm workers.

They visited the Kremlin Palace Museum, pioneer palaces and a Moscow factory.

"I was lucky, too, in being invited to Soviet people's homes where we could talk informally," Pete added.

Now the Seegers are on the homeward course. For more than eight months they have been on the go from country to country. England, Scotland and Ireland are the last stops. They return to the U.S. in June.

Pete Captures Moscow with a Banjo and Guitar

By ESTHER SHIELDS

MOSCOW — Napoleon never conquered Moscow, but I'm sure none of Pete Seeger's friends will be surprised that he took the city in a single evening, with only his banjo, guitar and a little wooden whistle.

Pete's beguiling voice and bewitching enthusiasm, won the large crowd, crammed into the big Tchaikovsky Hall, April 10. Well, he did have an advance assist from a Moscow TV interview the previous night. But the best proof that he captured his live audience is that they stayed on 30 minutes after he finished clamoring for more. "I never saw anything like it," Pete exclaimed when I spoke to him after the concert.

He sang a generous program of 26 songs from different countries, songs of workers, songs of struggle, songs of peace, bourgeois blues and a song for Cuba's patriot, Jose Marti. Mostly American songs, of course. "We Shall Overcome" won the

most applause of all, when Pete added at the end: "Friends, this song is not just for Alabama and Mississippi. It's for you and me, for them!" And he swept his arms in a long swing away from the audience.

His Moscow fans knew what to ask for as encores. "When the Saints Go Marching" and Joe Hill were the two he chose to sing for them.

As usual, Pete got nearly everybody to join in singing some of the songs — particularly a South African song and Leadbelly's "Good Night Irene."

I predict that by the end of his tour here, the whole Soviet Union will be singing in Hootenannys.

After three concerts in Moscow, Pete will give at least 11 more in Leningrad, Kiev, the Crimea and Tbilisi.

Undoubtedly, Moscow will demand still more on his return May 1.

Pete Seeger, his wife, Tosi, their two children and manager Hal Levinthal reached the Soviet Union after an eight months tour of many countries, including Australia, Japan, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

From here, Pete goes on to Scotland and Ireland. He will complete his encirclement of the globe by his return to New York in June.

Hundreds of eager young people stood outside Tchaikovsky Hall long before Pete's concert, pleading to buy anyone's extra ticket. Two enterprising youths wore pencilled signs to attract attention.

Inside, the audience of over 2,000 included all ages, but youth predominated, and really everyone there was young with Pete!



PETE SEEGER signs autographs for Moscow fans.

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WORKER, THE (See also Daily Worker)
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Sunday edition of the Daily Worker; however, in the 1920's a paper with this name fulfilled much the same function as the present Daily Worker."
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Report and Order with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, April 20, 1953, p. 6; reaffirmed in Modified Reports issued December 18, 1956 and February 9, 1959.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : *SM/M* SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NY)

DATE: 7/30/71

Re NY report of SA STEPHEN M. CARBONE, dated 3/30/71
and LA letter to the Bureau, dated 5/20/71.

The captioned investigation has remained in a pending status at NY awaiting receipt of information from the LA Office. On 5/20/71, the LA Office advised that [] was contacted and stated he had no personal knowledge of CP USA membership on the part of subject. [] further advised that he recalls the subject was cited by the former House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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In light of the above information furnished by the LA Office and since all investigation has been completed at NY, this investigation is being placed in a closed status. It will be reopened at an appropriate time for submission of an annual report.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/21/71

FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, MADRID

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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(NYfile: 100-83801)
(MADfile: 105-335)(RUC)

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EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ
SM - C
(OO: NY)
(Bufile: 105-211193)
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(MADfile: 105-337)(RUC)

Reference Madrid letter to Bureau, 3/10/71.

No additional information has been received from any of our Spanish sources regarding the above-captioned subjects subsequent to the data set out in referenced letter.

In the event any additional pertinent data is received in the future, Bureau, New York, and San Juan will be advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/20/71

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-34620)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
OO: New York

Re New York report of SA STEPHEN M. CARBONE,
dated 3/30/71.

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On 4/22/71, [] was contacted by SA KELLY P. HEMMERT and queried about his statement concerning the subject's Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) membership as of August 1970. The source advised that he has no personal knowledge of CPUSA membership on the part of the subject, but recalls on several occasions reading articles in which SEEGER was identified as a member of the CPUSA. The source also stated that he recalls that SEEGER was cited by the former House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It is noted that [] refers to a member of the CPUSA, Progressive Labor Party and Socialist Workers Party, as well as known sympathizers, as communists.

On 5/4/71, [] furnished the following two references as examples of articles where SEEGER was mentioned as a CPUSA member::

1. 5/4/59, issue of the "Daily Worker";
2. Page 31-32, 1962 book mailer edition of "Communism and Your Child" by HERBERT ROMMERSTEIN, an alleged CPUSA member. *Of the Communist Party* NO LOC.

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From: Civil Service Commission, Wash DC

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REFERENCES:

New York report of SA LYNN E. MC CREDY, 5/31/68.
 Los Angeles memo of SA KELLY P. HEMMERT, 8/24/70,
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- ✓ Angela Davis
- ✓ Freedom and Peace Party
- ✓ The Fort Hood Three Defense Committee
- ✓ Summer of Support
- ✓ The Oleo Strut, Inc.
- ✓ The Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee
- ✓ United Farm Workers
- ✓ Victor Grossman
- ✓ NY Coffee House Project
- ✓ Catholic Peace Fellowship
- ✓ Dr. Ricardo Alarcon Quesada
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Characterized VICTOR GROSSMAN

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Defense Committee

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Characterized Summer of
Support

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Characterized FAVPPC

The agents who observed SEEGER on 5/22/69 are identified as follows: EDWIN B. JONES, ALFRED GARY GUNN, and KEITH M. HUNTER.

The agents who observed SEEGER on 4/4/70 are identified as follows: JAMES T. BURNETT, JOHN W. ROBINSON, JOHN DOWNEY, MICHAEL O'MALLEY, GREGORY G. ZAWISLAK.

The confidential sources referred to in the Miscellaneous section of this report are identified as follows:

LEAD:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. It is noted that in referenced LA memo, dated 8/24/70, [] attended a Rally of the Soledad Brothers Defense at the 1st Unitarian Church on 7/24/70. On 8/6/70, per above mentioned memo, [] advised that PETER SEEGER is a member of the Communist Party. Inasmuch as NY has no information since

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1954 indicating SEEGER maintains membership in the CP, LA is requested to furnish NY with any details or further information concerning SEEGER's possible membership in the CP, thereby clarifying this statement made by source.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ☒ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index ☐ Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the ☒ Security Index Card ☐ Agitator Index Card are current.
3. ☐ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card ☐ A ☐ B ☐ are current ☐ have been changed.
4. ☐ Changes on the ☐ Security Index Card ☐ Agitator Index Card are necessary and ☐ Form FD-122 ☐ FD-397 submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken March 1967
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified "Secret" because
(state reason) it contains information from NY T-25
which is so classified.

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8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) none.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and any attempt to interview him could possibly embarrass the Bureau.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the ☐ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
10. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ☒ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of his association with CP affiliated groups as late as 1970.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card is tabbed ☐ Priority I ☐ Priority II ☒ Priority III.
- ☒ Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because (state reasons) of his association with CP affiliated groups as late as 1970.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1-Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: STEPHEN M. CARBONE

Office: New York, New York

Date: MAR 30 1971

Field Office File #: 100-83801

Bureau File #: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: SEEGER resides at Box 431, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer. From 2/23/68 to 1/19/71, SEEGER has entertained at, participated in, or attended CP and/or CP affiliated functions. Information concerning his travel abroad is set forth. As of February 1971, confidential sources of NYO were unable to provide any further information regarding SEEGER's current activities.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

SEEGER resides at Box 431, Dutchess County, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer.

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Arrest Record

On February 19, 1971, HUGH BRENNAN, Identification Officer, Dutchess County, Sheriff's Office, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised files of his department contain no information regarding SEEGER.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

On February 23, 1968, SEEGER attended the W.E.B. Du Bois Centennial celebration sponsored by "Freedomways" at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York.

NY T-2
March 1, 1968

Characterizations of W.E.B. Du Bois Club and "Freedomways" are set forth in Appendix attached hereto.

On July 24, 1970 at a meeting of the Soledad Brothers Defense at Los Angeles, California, SEEGER was mentioned as a member of the Communist Party and his upcoming concert at Lindy's Opera House, Los Angeles, California, was referred to at this meeting.

NY T-3
August 6, 1970

The Soledad Brothers Defense Committee is an organization initiated by ANGELA DAVIS to support three Negro males indicted for killing a guard at Soledad Prison in California. Its office is at 326 W. 3rd St., Suite 318, Los Angeles, California. ("Black Panther" Party newspaper dated July 11, 1970).

A characterization of Black Panther Party is attached.

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ANGELA DAVIS is a former assistant professor at the University of California at Los Angeles and is a self-admitted member of CP.

III. CP SYMPATHY

A. Miscellaneous Organizations

On April 5, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a Casa de las Americas meeting at New York, New York.

NY T-4
April 8, 1968

A characterization of Casa de las Americas is set forth in Appendix attached hereto.

On June 19, 1968, SEEGER entertained at the annual memorial for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG at New York, New York.

NY T-5
June 28, 1968

NY T-6
June 20, 1968

NY T-7
July 2, 1968

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York (SDNY) on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953.

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On October 3, 1968, SEEGER was listed as a new subscriber for People's World.

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October 3, 1968

The People's World is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

On November 1, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a rally sponsored by the Freedom and Peace Party.

NY T-9
November 2, 1968

The Freedom and Peace Party is a political party formed to nominate "peace" candidates for national and local positions.

On November 2, 1968 SEEGER entertained at a mass rally sponsored by the Freedom and Peace Party at Town Hall, New York, New York.

NY T-9
November 18, 1968

On December 5, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a function sponsored by the Guardian.

NY T-10
December 6, 1968

A characterization of the Guardian is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

On November 11, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a tribute to the Fort Hood Three at Hunter College, New York, New York.

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NY T-11
November 14, 1968

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November 12, 1968

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The Fort Hood Three Defense Committee is an organization based in New York, New York and organized:

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- "1. { To provide funds for the legal defense of PFC James Johnson, Pvt. Dennis Mora and Pvt. David Samas, three members of the United States Army who have refused to serve in Vietnam because of their belief that the war there is illegal, immoral and unjust.
 - "2. To publicize and gain support for these three G.I.'s, not only among the public at large, but also servicemen and those facing the military service. To publicize the reasons for the three G.I.'s stand and keep the public informed on developments in the case.
 - "3. It is the position of the committee that all citizens generally and servicemen as citizens are free to exercise their rights of freedom of thought, conscience and expression. The committee will defend these rights."

NY T-33
August 30, 1966

On December 1, 1968, SEEGER attended the 80th birthday party of ART SHIELDS at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York, New York.

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NY T-13
December 4, 1968

NY T-14
December 9, 1968

As of December 4, 1968, ART SHIELDS was a CP member and a communist writer.

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December 4, 1968

Guardian On December 5, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a Benefit at New York, New York.

NY T-10
December 6, 1968
On May 22, 1969, representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed SEEGER entertain at a rally entitled Summer of Support, sponsored by the Oleo Strut, Incorporated, at Killeen, Texas.

"The Summer of Support" is an unincorporated organization, under the sponsorship of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), based at 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its aim is to establish "coffee houses" throughout the United States near military installations for the purpose of providing alternatives to military environment and to provide legal counselling to military personnel.

NY T-34
May 10, 1968

The characterization of NMC is incorporated in the characterization of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC) which is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

The Oleo Strut, Incorporated is a coffee house for military personnel located at Killeen, Texas.

On May 18, 1969, SEEGER entertained at a concert

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held at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles, California, sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights (LACDBR) and other groups.

NY T-15
June 3, 1969

A characterization of the LACDBR is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

On June 26, 1969 at a meeting of the Southern Californians to Abolish House Committee for Unamerican Activities (SCAHUAC), at Los Angeles, California, it was announced that this organization received \$1100 from the proceeds of the PETER SEEGER concert held in Los Angeles on May 18, 1969.

NY T-16
July 10, 1969

The SCAHUAC is the Los Angeles branch of the National Committee to Abolish House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). A characterization of the NCAHUAC is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

On October 24, 1969, SEEGER attended the 65th Birthday Party of JOE NORTH at New York, New York.

NY T-17
October 27, 1969

NY T-18
November 4, 1969

~~JOE~~ NORTH is a member of the CP and a communist writer and worker.

NY T-19
May 6, 1969

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On April 15, 1970, SEEGER spoke at an Anti-war demonstration at New York, New York, sponsored by the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee (FAVPPC).

NY T-20
April 23, 1970

The FAVPPC is an umbrella "peace type organization" which is based in New York, New York, and opposes the American position in Vietnam.

NY T-35
January, 1970

On April 15, 1970, SEEGER attended a peace rally at Columbia University, New York, New York, sponsored by the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC).

NY T-10
May 1, 1970

A characterization of SMC is set forth in Appendix attached hereto.

As of June 26, 1970, SEEGER was a subscriber to the Daily World.

NY T-21
June 26, 1970

The Daily World is an east coast communist newspaper.

On December 10, 1970, at a meeting of the National Committee to Free Angela Davis (NCFAD) at Los Angeles, California, SEEGER's name was referred to as a supporter of ANGELA DAVIS.

NY T-22
January 19, 1971

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A characterization of NCFAD is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

On December 24, 1969 SEEGER's subscription to the People's World has expired and was not renewed.

NY T-8
December 24, 1969

B. The Daily World

The October 31, 1970 issue of the Daily World indicated that the New York Committee to Free Angela Davis announced its first group of sponsors. PETER SEEGER was listed as a sponsor.

The New York Committee to Free Angela Davis is the New York branch of the NCFAD. A characterization of the NCFAD is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

The November 26, 1969 issue of the Daily World indicated SEEGER was a sponsor for the GI Coffee Houses, New York GI Coffee House Project, 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York.

The New York GI Coffee House Project is self-described as a center for open discussion of political issues, information, counselling and legal aid, as well as entertainment and broad programs of other activities.

The coffee house is generally designed to attract military personnel.

The November 14, 1969 and the November 18, 1969 issues of the Daily World indicated SEEGER participated in a peace march at Washington, D.C. on October 15, 1969.

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The November 15, 1969 issue of the Daily World indicated SEEGER participated at a peace rally at the New York Theatre Guild, New York, New York, on November 13, 1969.

The March 28, 1970 issue of the Daily World published a copy of a song entitled, "Me Gustan Los Estudiantes", translated from Spanish to mean, "I Love The Students". This song was written by VIOLETA PARRA, a Chilean song writer who died in 1967. SEEGER sent this song to the Daily World for publication therein.

The April 18, 1970 issue of the Daily World published an extensive article written by SEEGER dealing with the pollution problem in the United States.

The April 21, 1970 issue of the Daily World indicated that SEEGER was named the Honorary Chairman of Earth Day, at New York.

Earth Day was a national function held in many cities throughout the United States, participating in various degrees, on April 24, 1970, to instill in United States citizens an awareness of the problems of pollution and over-population.

The May 1, 1970 issue of the Daily World published a letter to the editor in column entitled "Our Readers Say..." This letter mentioned SEEGER's participation in Earth Day activities.

IV. TRAVEL ABROAD

On February 4, 1970, NY T-23, a confidential source abroad, advised that SEEGER arrived in England from New York, New York, on November 16, 1969 and departed on November 30, 1969.

SEEGER was observed in Beacon, New York during January 1970.

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January 28, 1970

On January 21, 1971, NY T-25, [REDACTED]

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February 3, 1971

The January 25, 1971 issue of Granma, a Cuban newspaper, carried an article captioned "'I Have Come to Cuba to Learn' says American folk singer Peter Seeger", in which SEEGER stated he was happy to be in Cuba, where he "had come to learn and help the Revolution in any way possible".

NY T-26
February 11, 1971

Granma is a self-described organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba.

On February 8, 1971, NY T-24, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that on February 4, 1971, according to a Havana, Cuba, domestic service broadcast, SEEGER met with several officials of Cuba and ambassadors to Cuba. Another domestic service broadcast announced that SEEGER had departed Cuba on February 4, 1971 for Europe after his visit to Cuba which began January 23, 1971.

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On February 3, 1971, NY T-25, [REDACTED]

V. MISCELLANEOUS

On November 13, 1969, SEEGER attended a rally at New York, New York, for peace in Vietnam.

NY T-27
December 2, 1969

On November 15, 1969, SEEGER participated and entertained in a march at Washington, D.C. for peace in Vietnam.

NY T-28
November 21, 1969

On December 13, 1969 SEEGER gave a concert at Miami Beach, Florida for the benefit of the United Farm Workers and its Miami Grape Boycott.

NY T-29
December 19, 1969

The United Farm Workers is a union of farmers and farm laborers based in California attempting to organize farmers throughout the United States. Its initial action as an organization was a nation-wide grape boycott.

On January 30, 1970, NY T-30, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SEEGER wrote a letter to VICTOR GROSSMAN in East Berlin, Germany, postmarked January 12, 1970, requesting him to participate in anti-pollution campaigns.

VICTOR GROSSMAN is a well-known alias for STEPHEN WECHSLER. He deserted from the United States Army in West Germany in 1952 and has been active as an East German propagandist.

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On April 4, 1970, representatives of the FBI observed SEEGER entertain at an anti-pollution rally in Central Park, New York, New York.

On December 26, 1969, SEEGER attended a benefit to support "GI coffee houses" at New York, New York.

NY T-10
January 16, 1970

On August 12, 1970, SEEGER entertained at a Catholic Peace Fellowship Rally and at Foley Square, New York, New York.

NY T-31
August 18, 1970

The Catholic Peace Fellowship (CPF) has its national office at 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York. Its staff are also the key elements of the Appleseed Project, which has members from every Pacifist group in New York, New York. It is an active group involved in organizing civil disobedience actions in New York, New York. (Catholic Peace Fellowship Brochure dated July, 1968)

The Appleseed Project has publicly declared itself as a clearing house for peace activities in New York, New York and its aim is to unite Pacifist organizations.

Two telephone calls came to the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, New York, New York, on behalf of PETER SEEGER, requesting an appointment with Dr. RICARDO ALARCON QUESADA.

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February 18, 1971

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Dr. RICARDO ALARCON QUESADA is the Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations.

On June 30, 1969, FRANK DECKER, Attorney, Taconic State Park Commission, advised that he received information that SEEGER donated \$1000 to the Students For A Democratic Society (SDS).

A characterization of SDS is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

Other confidential sources who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York area were contacted during February 1971 and were unable to provide any information on the current activities of SEEGER.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Also Known As
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (cont'd)

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is... by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces...are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the United States of America.

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CASA DE LAS AMERICAS

On May 14, 1970, a source advised that the Casa de las Americas (CDLA), an organization composed of pro-FIDEL CASTRO and pro-Communist individuals, formed in April, 1964, has its headquarters on the fourth floor, 876 Broadway, New York City.

The source advised that CDLA is ostensibly formed as a social club, but in effect it acts as a focal point for revolutionary peoples sympathetic to the Cuban government. Although it is not directly controlled by the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN), many Cuban personnel attend its functions and at least an indirect link with CMUN is present. CDLA has fund-raising affairs and contributes money to the CMUN. CDLA also gives financial support to other revolutionary groups representing countries other than Cuba. Through CMUN, various propaganda materials of a Communist nature are found at CDLA.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that a Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated (FAI), was filed on March 2, 1961.

A source advised on May 24, 1961, that during a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) held on May 24, 1961, it was stated that "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

A second source advised in May, 1970, that "Freedomways," the official publication of FAI, was set up by the CP, USA, in 1961 and that ESTHER JACKSON is the current Managing Editor of "Freedomways," which is located at 799 Broadway, New York, New York. ESTHER JACKSON is the wife of JAMES JACKSON who is a member of the National Committee and Political Committee of the CP, USA.

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THE "GUARDIAN" FORMERLY KNOWN AS
"NATIONAL GUARDIAN" WEEKLY GUARDIAN
ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian:"

- "1. ...'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly... it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'"

Beginning with the February 10, 1968, issue, the "National Guardian" became the "Guardian."

The May 9, 1970 issue of the "Guardian" is self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly."

The December, 1968 issue of the "New York Times" carried an interview with the editors of the "Guardian." One of the editors stated: "Our job is to build a radical movement. To quote the Cuban Revolutionaries, we are not only to write about it, but also to move along with it...we are movement people acting as journalists."

"The 'Guardian' takes a strong left position, but it is not identified with any organized group because it believes that an American left ideology is still in the making. One of its purposes is to break away from the cliches of the left ideology of the past."

A source advised in May, 1970 that the "Guardian" is located at 32 West 22nd Street, New York, New York.

A characterization of the American Labor Party is attached separately.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS,
formerly known as Los Angeles Committee For Protection
of Foreign Born (LACDBR)

A source advised in May, 1968, that the LACDBR has expanded its former scope of interest relating to the foreign born, and has become a militant general defense organization allegedly seeking to safeguard the rights of all individuals, including the foreign born, as well as those seeking to avoid military service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The LACDBR is a non-membership organization which is represented by an Administrative Board of about 125 Individuals from loosely organized area committees interested in the work of the LACDBR. These board members are invited by ROSE CHERNIN, Executive Director of the LACDBR, who is the guiding, dominant, and motivating force behind the LACDBR. Its headquarters are maintained at 326 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California.

Another source advised in May, 1968, that ROSE CHERNIN is currently Organizational Secretary of the Moranda Smith Section of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH
HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE/
HOUSE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMITTEE
Formerly Known As
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC):

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960, to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as communists.

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3, 1961, page 5)."

A source advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). A national meeting of this organization was held in Chicago, Illinois, on April 27 - 28, 1963.

A second source on May 27, 1969, made available a letter from the NCAHUAC, dated April 1, 1969, which stated that at a national meeting held in Washington, D.C. during March 22 - 24, 1969, the name of the organization was changed to the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee/House Internal Security Committee (NCAHUAC/HISC).

This source advised on May 7, 1970, that as of that date the NCAHUAC/HISC continued to function with headquarters at 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FREE ANGELA DAVIS,
Also Known As
United Committee to Free Angela Davis

A source advised in October 1970, that the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), had decided to help ANGELA DAVIS, self-admitted member of the Communist Party (CP) in Los Angeles, California, incarcerated in New York City and soon to be extradited to California to answer murder-kidnapping charges. This source stated that DOROTHY HEALEY, former Chairman, Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP), would devote her full time and head the committee in California and be assisted by LOU DISKIN, Chairman, SCDCP.

DAVIS was subsequently extradited from New York City and transported to California on December 22, 1970.

The "Daily Worker," East Coast communist weekly newspaper, issue of October 16, 1970, page three, contains an article which states that GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CPUSA, had stated that the CPUSA would involve itself in freeing ANGELA DAVIS and that Angela Davis Defense Committees would be started in such cities as Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and other cities. He stated that there will be a national committee to take charge of the defense of DAVIS, and the CP will be part of it.

Sources two, three, and four advised in October and November 1970, that a meeting of the United Committee to Free Angela Davis was held at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California. LOU DISKIN, Chairman, SCDCP, spoke and stated that the CP would do everything to build support for ANGELA DAVIS. CHARLENE MITCHELL, member, National Committee, CPUSA, and unsuccessful candidate for President of the United States on the CP ticket, spoke at this meeting and stated that the CP must make every effort to free ANGELA DAVIS. BEN DOBBS, Executive Secretary, SCDCP, spoke and stated that the CP must be the focusing point of the movement to free ANGELA DAVIS.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FREE ANGELA DAVIS,
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United Committee to Free Angela Davis

Source five advised on December 3, 1970, that the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis is located at Suite 104, 3450 West 43rd Street, Los Angeles, California. Source advised that the committee in the Los Angeles area was formed for the purpose of seeking funds for DAVIS in this area but that separate and distinct committees would be set up throughout the United States.

An article in "The Washington Post," on January 5, 1971, indicated a spokesman for the National Committee to Free Angela Davis in Los Angeles had recently stated 47 "Free Angela" committees have been organized so far in the United States.

APPENDIX

1.APPENDIXREVOLUTIONARY YOUTH MOVEMENT

A source advised that the Revolutionary Youth Movement II (RYMII) faction of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held a national conference at Atlanta, Georgia, from November 26 to 30, 1969. At this conference it was decided to form a new organization to be known as Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM), characterized as a mass anti-imperialist youth organization, said organization being proposed as separate and distinct in form and content from SDS. The "Principles of Unity" adopted by the conference included a struggle against white supremacy and male supremacy; fights against imperialism, anticommunism, fascism and oppression of youth; and support of the right of self-determination of all "oppressed nations," also support of the right of all "oppressed and exploited" peoples "to armed self-defense." It was agreed that RYM would not be a Marxist-Leninist organization; however, source said this was decided in order to indicate an organization broad enough in form to be acceptable to everyone. A temporary National Steering Committee (NSC) made up of eight females and two males was elected to govern RYM until national officers could be elected during the Spring of 1970.

RYM publications have listed the RYM National Office (NO) at Post Office Box 5421 and Post Office Box 77012 C, both Atlanta, Georgia, and a second source has advised that the NO has no office space but would probably be considered as located at Apartment 27, 1067 Alta Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta.

Second source advised that women dominated the founding conference and have continued to dominate NSC meetings to the point that "women's liberation" has apparently become the RYM's principal issue - also that RYM's poor financial condition has resulted in its failure to publish a paper. During early 1970, RYM has decided to cater to the working class rather than youth, since the potential for social revolution lies in workers.

A third source has stated that it was decided at the March, 1970, NSC meeting that RYM women had decided the organization will be molded into a "working class, Marxist-Leninist, revolutionary, anti-imperialist, problack nationalist, people's women's liberation organization."

A characterization of the SDS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE,
Also Known As Student Mobilization
Committee to End the War in Vietnam;
National Student Mobilization Committee

A source advised on May 16, 1969, that the Student Mobilization Committee originally grew out of the National Student Strike for Peace conference held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 28 - 29, 1966, which resulted in a call for massive anti-war demonstrations in New York City, New York, and San Francisco, California, on April 15, 1967. The National Student Strike for Peace was originally called by the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), culminating in a takeover by the SWP element in the Summer of 1968 and the Communist Party element withdrawing. Source further advised the Student Mobilization Committee locally and nationally is controlled by the SWP and its youth arm, the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), as evidenced by the YSA leadership and participation in Student Mobilization Committee activities.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

A report by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Ninetieth Congress, First Session, dated March 31, 1967, entitled "Communist Origin and Manipulation of Vietnam Week (April 8 - 15, 1967)" on page 53 states in part, "Communists are playing dominant roles in both the Student Mobilization Committee and the Spring Mobilization Committee."

A second source on January 26, 1970, made available a copy of "The Student Mobilizer" dated January 21, 1970, which was self-described as being published by the National Office of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, 1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. In this issue the program of the Student Mobilization Committee was set forth as follows: immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam, an end to the draft, end all forms of campus complicity with the war in Vietnam, self determination for Vietnam and Black America and constitutional rights for GIs and high school students.

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STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE,
Also Known As Student Mobilization
Committee to End the War in Vietnam;
National Student Mobilization Committee (cont'd)

This source advised that the Student Mobilization
Committee occupies Suite 907 at 1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20005, as of February 27, 1970.

A characterization of the YSA
appears separately.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Students for a Democratic Society, commonly known as SDS, came into existence at a founding convention held during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy," Marxist-Leninist ideology of various shadings became predominant during 1968-1969 with debate centering on how best to create a revolutionary youth movement. SDS moved from involvement in the civil rights struggle to an anti-Vietnam war position to advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist line linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America with the black liberation movement in the United States. All major factions within SDS embrace Marxism-Lenism and identify internationally with China, Cuba and North Vietnam as countries leading the worldwide struggles against the United States. However, the Soviet Union was regarded as imperialist and with the Communist Party, United States of America, "revisionist" in nature.

SDS operated under a national constitution which called for an annual National Convention (NC) and quarterly National Council meetings wherein programs were initiated and debated. Three national officers were elected annually with a National Interim Committee to run the organization. Regional offices and college chapters elected delegates to the national meetings but each functioned independently on local matters. Its official publication "Fire" (formerly "New Left Notes") last appeared in December, 1969.

Internal factionalism of serious proportions developed during 1968 - 1969 and the following three factions evolved as a result of a split at the June, 1969, NC: Weatherman, Worker Student Alliance (WSA), and Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). The effect of the split on SDS chapters throughout the country was divisive. Some aligned with one or the other of the three major factions. Others, unable to identify with any faction, disassociated with SDS completely and changed names.

The SDS national office in recent years was located at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was closed in February, 1970.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (cont'd)

The Weatherman and RYM groups no longer consider themselves associated with SDS, and the WSA group refers to itself as the true SDS.

Characterizations of Weatherman, WSA and RYM are set out separately.

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WEATHERMAN

Initially called the "Action Faction," Weatherman came into being immediately before the June, 1969, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) National Convention (NC). At this NC Weatherman won all three national officer positions and a majority of the National Interim Committee as well. Subsequently, they took over the SDS National Office (NO) in Chicago, and controlled its funds, paper and national records. Although internal struggle existed until late 1969, Weatherman for all major purposes controlled SDS nationally from June, 1969, until its NO closed in February, 1970. At this time it no longer considered itself part of SDS.

The term Weatherman emerged from an ideological paper prepared by its leaders entitled "You Don't Need a Weatherman to Know Which Way the Wind Blows" ("New Left Notes" June 18, 1969). This statement outlined the basic stance of Weatherman: Marxist-Leninist in content but with strong advocacy that action not theory would bring about revolution in the United States. This posture was complemented with an international identification to the Cuban revolution and CASTRO's statement that the duty of a revolutionary is to make revolution.

During October, 1969, Weatherman riots in Chicago resulted in more than 260 arrests for mob action and related charges. A program of armed struggle was finalized during a December, 1969, "War Council" wherein terrorist tactics and political assassination were contemplated. The basic strength of Weatherman was then revealed to be some 300 - 350 nationally and geographically apportioned to the Midwest, New York, and some Northwest.

As its rhetoric of violence escalated, Weatherman leaders increasingly discussed the necessity of an underground operation wherein more than 90 percent of the organization would be submerged; "affinity groups" of three - five members would function independently. In February, 1970, Weatherman leaders announced a program of "strategic sabotage" with police and military installations as primary targets.

In February, 1970, Weatherman abandoned the SDS NO, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and throughout the country entered an underground status.

A characterization of the SDS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

On May 1, 1970, a source advised the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was formed in June, 1964, as a Marxist-oriented youth organization which would be used as a recruiting ground for the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA). This organization merged with CP youth and independent Marxist youth in the formation of a new organization in February, 1970, at which time the DCA became defunct.

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APPENDIX

WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE/
PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

A source advised during August, 1969, that at the National Convention (NC) of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held in Chicago, Illinois, during June, 1969, a split arose between the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and the National Office (NO), the NO becoming known as the Weatherman faction. The PLP faction drew the largest support among those in attendance at the NC.

Source further advised that during late Summer, 1969, the PLP faction of SDS established its National Headquarters (NH) on the second floor of a loft-type building at 173A Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. The campaign on which the PLP faction centered was to build a worker student alliance or a campus worker student alliance. Thus, they adopted the names of Worker Student Alliance (WSA) or Campus Worker Student Alliance.

Source stated that the "New Left Notes," printed in New York City, is the official publication of the WSA faction.

A second source advised during January, 1970, that within the SDS, the WSA is a caucus of which the PLP constitutes the leadership.

A third source advised during July, 1970, that during demonstrations staged in the Boston area during the Spring and Summer of 1970 by the NH, the main theme of previous demonstrations staged by the NH shifted from protestations of the Vietnam War and other United States foreign policy matters to attacking domestic issues such as racism and unemployment and demonstrating support of the "workers' struggle."

Characterizations of the SDS
and PLP are set out separately.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

A source advised on May 14, 1970, that the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) maintains its national headquarters at 41 Union Square West, New York, New York, and has as its official publication, "The Young Socialist Organizer" (YSO). The YSA is the youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and serves as the main source of recruitment into the SWP.

According to the masthead of the "YSO" dated April 29, 1970, the YSA is described as "A multi-national revolutionary socialist youth organization."

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)(1))
U. S. Secret Service , New York City (RM)

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Stephen M. Carbone, dated and captioned as above, at New York, New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/8/71

FROM : *et* *77* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (100-2771) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETE SEEGER
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The 1/31/71 issue of "Grama" contained an article regarding PETER SEEGER, his daughter MIKA SEEGER and his son-in-law, "the Puerto Rican EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ." The article said all were involved in progressive movements in the U. S.

The article said that PETER (PETE) SEEGER was invited to Cuba by the National Council for Culture and was to remain in Cuba two weeks.

The article quoted PETE SEEGER as saying, at the airport, that he was happy to be in Cuba to help however possible the revolution. He said "all of us know how to cut (cane)." He went on to say he would like to cut cane and sing for the people in the small towns, above all, for the youth in Cuba. He talked about his appearance in Vietnam and at Washington, D.C., on 11/15/70.

He was questioned as to whether he had gained what he proposed in his songs. He replied that he would answer that question when the U. S. withdraws from Vietnam.

PETE SEEGER additionally stated that he wanted to visit Artemisa to sing at an agriculture school, "Eduardo Garcia Lavandero." He said that good friends, described as a North American married couple, worked at that school. The article said that PETE SEEGER was accompanied by his daughter, MIKA SEEGER, and his son-in-law, EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau and New York since it is not known if the travel to

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(1-105-) (EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ)
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Cuba by the subjects is known. Extra copies of this letter are furnished for the Bureau and New York files regarding MIKA SEEGER and EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ.

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[redacted] has furnished no information regarding this travel and apparently the travel was not made via Mexico.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/10/71

FROM: *W* LEGAT, MADRID

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER

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EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ
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On 3/9/71, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that PETER SEEGER, born 5/3/19 in New York, a musician by profession, in possession of U. S. Passport #Z-1057737, issued at the American Embassy in London, England, registered at the Hotel Plaza, Madrid, on 1/8/71. It was not possible to determine from where SEEGER had arrived and he departed from the hotel on 1/15/71 without indicating his destination.

[redacted] further advised that MIKA SEEGER also arrived at the Hotel Plaza, Madrid, on 1/8/71, remaining there until 1/19/71.

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[redacted] further advised that EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ, born [redacted], a photographer by profession and in possession of U. S. Passport #Z-242885, issued on 4/24/68 at San Juan, Puerto Rico, also arrived at the Hotel Plaza on 1/8/71, remaining there until 1/15/71. RODRIGUEZ departed from the hotel on 1/15/71 but returned the same day and remained until 1/19/71. From information gathered at the hotel, it appeared that RODRIGUEZ was MIKA SEEGER's husband.

None of the above individuals had otherwise come to the attention of [redacted]

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PETER SEEGER

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EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ

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Madrid

Attached is the translation which ~~was~~ requested by letter dated 3/2/71, copies herewith.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

"Bohemia" - January 29, 1971

PETE SEEGER

Sings "La Guantanamera" In Cuba

Interviewer:
Reinaldo Penalver Moral

Photographs:
Enrique Castro

In the midst of the natural atmosphere of an airport - noise of luggage being moved, of airplane engines, etc. - a six-foot tall American wearing a beard trimmed in the style of a Franciscan monk strums an enormous guitar - 12 strings - while he sings a melody which has traveled around the world within the last few years...

The name of this person is Pete Seeger and the melody is "La Guantanamera." While Pete sings, a Cuban whose face reflects admiration, visibly moved, observes him attentively... It is Joseito Fernandez, the popular composer and interpreter of this very Cuban melody.

Singing "a capella", Joseito is grateful for this original greeting and welcomes him at the end with a strong and emotional embrace...

This is a brief description of last Saturday's meeting between a man who created a melody thirty years ago and another man who made it known throughout the world.

At the Jose Marti International Airport in Rancho Boyeros, in addition to the functionaries of the National Council of Culture - Pete's visit to Cuba is on the invitation of this organization - and a group of Americans who reside in Cuba, there was also a person who played an important role in the successful resurrection of "La Guantanamera." His name is Hector Angulo. It was during a trip to New York that he furnished the music and the lyrics of this popular song to the American singer.

Who Is Pete Seeger?

The man who made "La Guantanamera" popular throughout the world arrived accompanied by his daughter Mika and

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his son-in-law Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez. He was born 51 years ago in New York City. His mother was a violin teacher, and his father was a notable musicologist. From an early age, Pete became interested in the mysteries of the ruled staff.

When he was still very young, he took his banjo and, deeply knowledgeable of American folklore, he traveled through the Southern and Midwestern states of his country playing and singing for the farmers in the mountains as well as on the plains.

At the end of World War II, in which he fought as a soldier, he joined the group known as "The Almanac Singers," who used to do songs about labor union issues.

Attracted from an early age by political activities as well as by music, he brought both together and began to sing for the strikers at demonstrations and meetings of the unemployed, denouncing through his songs the criminal war launched by the imperialists against Vietnam.

Through his music, Pete Seeger has reached every corner of the United States, and millions of Americans have joined him in singing at free concerts, marches and at gala appearances in theaters such as Carnegie Hall.. Many of his concerts have been dedicated to raising funds for popular struggles.

First Time in Cuba

- Is this the first time you visited our country?

- Yes. It is the first time, and I was looking forward to visiting Cuba for the purpose of knowing everything that is happening in this country and in order to help, if possible... because let me tell you that I, as well as my daughter and her husband, can handle the machete.

- Will you give some concerts?

- Of course. I would like to sing for the Cubans, especially for the young ones...

- What is your opinion about "La Guantanamera"?

- Imagine it. "La Guantanamera" is the most requested song in my repertoire, even though I cannot pronounce Spanish very well. I have had to sing this song in many countries.

- Has the recording of "La Guantanamera" been very successful?

- As far as my recording is concerned, a limited number of copies was made, and these copies were sold to my friends. It was they who made it known to a larger number of persons. However, other singers have recorded millions of records in different parts of the world. Jose Marti's verses give a great strength to the song. It is beautiful, isn't it?

- Where did you meet Hector Angulo?

- I met him at a children's camp in New York where he worked. One Sunday I went to sing for the children, and they asked me to sing "La Guantanamera." Angulo had acquainted them with the song. Then I decided to learn it and you see what happened; since then, everyone asks me to sing it...and I am very pleased to comply.

- Thank you very much, comrade Seeger...

- Thank you and "Bohemia".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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ReBulet to New York 2/25/71.

[redacted] advised that MIKA SALTER SEEGER, U. S. Passport #A-1869602, and EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ, U. S. Passport #Z-842885, had arrived in Madrid from Havana, Cuba, aboard Iberia Flight 942 of 2/8/71.

[redacted] further advised that on 2/11/71 PETER SEEGER was scheduled to give a recital at the University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. The Spanish authorities, however, prohibited the holding of this recital, following which a group of students caused a disturbance and attacked the IBM building.

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On 2/23/71, [] furnished a report, classified "CONFIDENTIAL," in the Spanish language regarding PETER SEEGER.

On 3/1/71, [] furnished an article regarding PETER SEEGER in the Spanish language which appeared in the 1/29/71 issue of "Bohemia," a Havana weekly.

The Bureau is requested to have the enclosed [] report and the "Bohemia" article translated and furnish the results of the translations to New York and San Juan.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/26/71

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Re New York letter and enclosed LHM to Bureau,
2/5/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are eight and two copies, respectively, of an LHM setting forth the results of a review of the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), by SC CHARLES F. MOORE. The LHM contains all of the information in the files since the file was last reviewed and information furnished New York in WFO letter and LHM to Bureau, 12/15/66.

Copies of the photo appearing on his passport application will be forwarded to New York by routing slip when processed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by a representative of the FBI on February 18, 1971, disclose that Peter Seeger was issued Passport Number J-736031 on June 10, 1968, at New York, New York, for proposed travel to Sweden to sing for the World Council of Churches. In his application dated June 7, 1968, at New York he stated his intention to depart from New York via air about June 23, 1968, for a stay of two weeks. This passport also included his wife, Toshi-Aline Seeger. This passport was valid for five years' travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

This individual stated that he was born on May 3, 1919, at New York, New York. He gave his permanent residence as Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and his mailing address as Box 431, Beacon, New York, 12508. He listed his parents as Charles Louis Seeger, born December 14, 1886, in Mexico City, Mexico, a United States citizen, and Constance DeClyver Edson Seeger,

Mrs. Charles Louis Seeger born November 27, 1886, in Denver, Colorado. He stated that N.Y. he was last married on July 20, 1943, to Toshi-Aline Ohta, born July 1, 1922, at Munich, Germany, a United States citizen, and the marriage is not terminated. In the event of death or accident, he requested that his wife be notified at their permanent residence mentioned above. Mrs. Peter Seeger Sweden

Toshi-Aline Seeger Dutchess Junction, Beacon, N.Y.
The passport file contains a letter from the Passport Office to Mr. Martin Popper, attorney for Peter Seeger, dated June 20, 1968, stating that: "Mr. Seeger does not meet the criteria for an exception to the general restrictions on travel to Cuba. In general, a scholar must have a postgraduate degree."

ENCLOSURE

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PETER SEEGER

The following description appeared in his file:

Height:	6 feet 1½ inches
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Occupation:	Musician

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DATE: MAR 3 1971

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-435819)

FROM :

SAC, MIAMI (105-9541) (P)

SUBJECT:

SCOTT HICKS HERRICK
IS - CUBA

(OO: Miami)

ReBulets, 2-26-71, and 2-10-71; and
Miami letter to Bureau and enclosed LHM, both dated
2-10-71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies and
for New York, four copies of an LHM, dated and captioned
as above.

The Bureau is requested to furnish one copy
of this LHM to the Department, and to disseminate single
copies of enclosed LHM to the Foreign Assets Control
Section, U. S. Department of Treasury, Washington, D. C.,
and to the Office of Export Control, U. S. Department of
Commerce, Washington, D. C., as the stated primary
objective of the proposed travel to Cuba by the subject,
in cooperation with the War Resisters League (WRL), is
to challenge the Trading with the Enemy Act and the
trade embargo of Cuba.

The source mentioned in the enclosed LHM
is FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The enclosed LHM is classified Confidential
in order to protect the identity of The
unauthorized disclosure of the information attributed
to this source could reasonably result in his identification
and thereby compromise his future effectiveness.

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
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(1-100-200845) (Pete Seeger)
- 4-New York (Enc. 4) (RM)
(2-103-70771)
(1-97-5) (WRL)
(1-100-83801) (Pete Seeger)

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NM 105-9541

Local dissemination of enclosed LHM is being made as follows:

- 1 - U. S. Coast Guard, Miami, Florida
- 1 - Cuban Affairs (State Department),
Miami, Florida
- 1 - OSI, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
- 1 - NISO, Charleston, S. C.
- 1 - 111th M.I. Group, Orlando, Florida
- 1 - U. S. Customs, Miami, Florida
- 1 - CIA, Miami, Florida

As requested in Bulet of 2-26-71, the Miami Office will continue to follow this matter and will keep the Bureau apprised of developments by the most expeditious means warranted.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-9541

Miami, Florida

MAR 3 1971

RE: SCOTT HICKS HERRICK
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On February 23, 1971, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that several days previously a telephone call had been placed by the subject to a JIM GARRETT (phonetic). This call was presumably to New York City, and HERRICK indicated during the call that he might postpone his trip to Cuba until May so that folk singer, PETE SEEGER, could accompany him. HERRICK further indicated that SEEGER had previously been to Cuba.

The source continued that HERRICK left Fort Lauderdale for New York City several days previously to attend a United Nations meeting or meetings.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-9541

Miami, Florida

MAR 3 1971

Title SCOTT HICKS HERRICK

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference Memorandum, dated and captioned
as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

SAC, San Juan

February 22, 1971

Director, FBI

PETER SEEGER

SM - C

MIKA SEEGER

SM - C

EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ

SM - C

REGISTERED MAIL
XXXXXXXXXXXX

Madrid

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 2/5/71, copy herewith.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Forwarded herewith. Copy of letter from Madrid dated 1/22/71 also forwarded herewith. EX-100 REC-33 100-20045-214
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1 - Madrid - Enclosure.
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan, (Attn.: S. F. Phillips), sent direct with enclosure.
1 - Special Coordination Unit, sent direct without enclosure.

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

" I HAVE COME TO CUBA TO LEARN "

-- said American folk singer Peter Seeger.

When Joseito Fernandez arrived at the Immigration Department, Peter was already there waiting. "I hope that you will feel at home in our country", said Joseito as they shook hands.

"I regret that you do not understand my Spanish very well", said Seeger in reply, "but from the bottom of my heart: all my love".

Peter Seeger took his 12-string guitar and, throwing a glance around at those who were present, said,: "It is an honor to sing 'La Guantanamera' in the presence of Joseito and of Hector Angulo, who taught me this version". He immediately began to play the well-known chords of the melody, to the joy of all those present. The Cuban musician sang the lyrics.

The spontaneity which characterized the meeting was maintained throughout the visit of the American folk singer at the "Jose Marti" Airport. Seeger will remain in Cuba for two weeks as a guest of the CNC.

He arrived in the company of his daughter Mika and of his son-in-law, the Puerto Rican Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez, both members of the progressive movement in the United States.

"I feel happy and glad to be in Cuba, a country to which I have come to learn and to help the Revolution as much as possible. We all know how to use the machete. I would like to cut cane and to sing for the people in the small towns and, above all, for the young people", said Seeger.

"This song proves that the music of the people can travel throughout the whole world", exclaimed this creative artist in reply to a question. "'La Guantanamera' has been the most universal song I have done. It is not just that the music is appreciated throughout the world but that the words are so basically important. There are many songs which say: I love my country.... but the important thing is that Marti was a truly sincere man".

TRANSLATED BY: *MS*

MADELEINE TORRES: *lmc lmc*

February 19, 1971

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ENCLOSURE

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"I have been singing in Vietnam for 7 years", added Seeger. "On November 15, during the moratorium held in Washington, D.C., I sang 'Bring Back, Bring Back the Soldiers from Vietnam'. Half a million people joined in unison. It was the largest audience I ever sang for.

"These songs do not reach the radio or television of my country, because they protest against the aggression of the Pentagon against Indochina, and we know who those stations belong to."

-- Have you achieved your purpose in singing those songs? - he was asked.

"I will answer that question when the United States leaves Vietnam."

Finally, the creator of "If I Had a Hammer", "Sixteen Tons", and other protest songs which are known throughout the world, announced that he was interested in visiting Artemisa and singing at the school on the "Eduardo Garcia Lavandero" farm, where some friends of his, an American married couple, work.

"To sing to the children there will be the best homage I could render to Marti on his birthday".

Omar Vazquez

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File Number: 100-HQ-200845, Section 8

From: Legat, Madrid

To: Director, FBI

Subject: Peter Seeger, Mika Seeger, Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez

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To: Director, FBI

Subject: Peter Seeger, Mika Seeger, Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez

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Document Date: 01-25-1971

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Special Media:

File Number: 100-HQ-200845, Section 8

From:

To:

Subject: Folk Singer Pete Seeger Arrives in Havana

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/22/71

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (100-14920) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Bulet to Miami 4/8/65 and Miamilet to Bureau and New York dated 2/10/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies, and for New York 2 copies, of an lhm dated and captioned as above.

The source mentioned in enclosed lhm is [redacted] and the translation from Spanish to English was done by Miami Translator Eleanore M. Schoenberger.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

- ENCLOSURE
- ② - Bureau (Encl. - 5) (RM)
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 - 2 - Miami (1 - 100-14920)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-14920

Miami, Florida
February 22, 1971

Re: PETER SEEGER
Security Matter - C

On February 11, 1971, a source which has furnished reliable information in the past made available a copy of the January 25, 1971 edition of "Granma," self-described as the organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba. Page 3 of this newspaper contains the following article, as translated, captioned: "I Have Come to Cuba to Learn."

"I HAVE COME TO CUBA TO LEARN," SAYS AMERICAN
FOLK SINGER PETER SEEGER

"When Joseito Fernandez arrived at the Immigration Department, Peter Seeger was already waiting for him. 'I hope you will feel at home in our country,' he told the new arrival, offering his hand.

"'I regret you may not be able to understand my Spanish,' said Seeger in answer, 'but from the bottom of my heart, my best.'

"Peter Seeger picked up his guitar, and looking at the people around, he said: 'It is an honor to sing "La Guantanamera" in the presence of Joseito and of Hector Angulo, who taught it to me.' Immediately, he began to play the well known melody, and the bystanders were delighted. The Cuban musician sang with him.

"The spontaneity which characterized the first meeting was kept up during the entire stay of the popular American folk singer at Jose Marti Airport. Seeger will remain in Cuba two weeks, at the invitation of the CNC (National Council of Culture).

Re: PETER SEEGER

"He arrived accompanied by his daughter Mika, and his brother-in-law, a Puerto Rican named Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez, both participants in the progressive movements in the United States.

"I am happy and content to be in Cuba, where I have come to learn and to help the Revolution in any way possible. We all know how to use the machete. I would like to cut cane and sing for the people in the small villages and, above all, for the young people," said Seeger.

"This song shows that the music of the people can travel all over the world," remarked the outstanding writer, in answer to a question. 'The Guantanamera has been the most universal I have interpreted. Not only the music is beloved by all the world, but also the words are basically important. There are many songs which say: I love my country....But the important thing is that Marti was a truly sincere man.

"I have sung for Viet Nam for 7 years," added Seeger. 'On November 15th, during the moratorium held in Washington, D. C., I sang "Bring back, bring back the soldiers from Viet Nam," half a million people joined in the chorus. That is the largest audience I ever sang for.

"These songs are not heard on radio and television in my country, because they are against the Pentagon aggression in Indochina, and we know who these stations belong to.'

"Did you achieve what you planned in singing these songs," he was asked.

"I will answer that question when the United States withdraws from Viet Nam.'

Re: PETER SEEGER

"Finally, the creator of 'If I had a Hammer,' '16 Tons,' and other protest songs which have gone around the world, announced that he was interested in visiting Artemisa and singing at the Eduardo Garcia Lavandero School, where an American couple, friends of his, are working.

"To sing for the children there will be the best tribute I could give to Marti on his birthday."

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SAC Legat, Madrid (105-335)
(105-336)

March 25, 1971

Director, FBI

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PETER SEEGER
IS-CU
MIKA SEEGER
IS-CU
EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ
IS-CU

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Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 2/18/71.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

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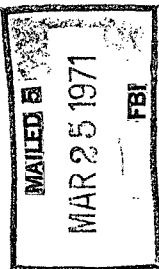
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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

From a newspaper clipping dated February 11, 1971.
Possibly the name of the paper is "Madrid."

On His Way to Seville, Where He
Will Sing Tonight

Pete Seeger in Madrid

Yesterday, at 2:10 p.m., Pete Seeger, the great folk singer from the United States - one of the most prestigious singers in the world - arrived at Barajas Airport. He was in the company of his daughter Madka, of her fiancée, of Valencian singer Raimon and of the latter's wife Annalisa.

Seeger flew in from San Sebastian where, on the previous day, he had performed in one of the theaters of that capital city.

Previously, he had performed at Tarrasa.

Within two hours of his arrival in Madrid, Seeger flew off again - to Seville, where he is scheduled to sing tonight.

Prior to returning to New York, he is also scheduled to sing in Barcelona, where he will perform in the park (?) of the School for Industrial Engineers at 12:00, noon.

Seeger is 52 years old and has more than 50 long-playing records to his credit, with hundreds of folk songs from all countries of the world, including Spain.

He held a long conversation with reporters. Among other things, he said that political songs are not everything. A political song is not capable of transforming a society by itself, but has value as a means of support for such a transformation. He also said that he would like it if there were "peace, freedom and work for everybody" in all countries of the world.

TRANSLATED BY:
RAFFAELE A. VACCARI:mls
March 23, 1971

ENCLOSURE

He said: "My weapons are my songs and my banjo. I wage my own war with them."

✓ In our Saturday supplement, "Madrid - Sunday," we shall offer a full report on the life and work of this congenial American folk singer who is the "father" (even though he dislikes the term) of a large portion of the folk song movement in his country.

R. O.

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From:

To:

Subject: Peter Seeger, Mika Seeger, Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez

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Students Battle Barcelona Police Over Concert Ban

BARCELONA, Feb. 14 (AP).—Barcelona university students battled police with stones yesterday after a concert by American folk-singer Pete Seeger was unexpectedly banned.

An estimated 3,000 students gathered at the university's School of Engineering to hear Mr. Seeger, 51, and left the building chanting "We want Seeger" and "No more repression."

Student groups then blocked traffic and pelted helmeted riot police with stones as they charged to break up the demonstrations. Several students were injured and at least 20 were arrested, sources said.

The civil governor's office gave no reason for the banning. Mr. Seeger's Barcelona appearance was his last scheduled in Spain on an impromptu tour that began a week ago. University sources indicated earlier that his concert might be banned because an anti-government demonstration broke out following another concert in the industrial city of Tarrasa near here last Sunday.

"International Herald Tribune"
Paris, France
February 15, 1971
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From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

To: Director, FBI

Subject: Travel Control-Cuba

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/10/71

FROM : *W* SAC, MIAMI (100-14920) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Bureau letter to Miami, 4/8/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies, and for New York 2 copies, of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Referenced Bureau letter set out that PETER SEEGER is on the Security Index of the New York Office and that any pertinent information concerning him should be furnished to New York.

Source mentioned in enclosed LHM is

The information in enclosed LHM was not classified.

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-14920

Miami, Florida
February 10, 1971

Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

On February 8, 1971, the following information concerning captioned individual was received from another government agency:

On February 4, 1971, according to a Havana, Cuba, domestic service broadcast, American singer Pete Seeger visited the headquarters, in Cuba, of the Cuban Committee for Solidarity with the Vietnamese, Laotian, and Cambodian people. It was further related that the ambassadors to Cuba from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam), the People's Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam (Viet Cong), and Cambodia (government in exile) met with the American performer there. According to the broadcast, Seeger sang a number of songs denouncing American aggression in Indo-China. It was further related that Seeger is visiting Cuba at the invitation of the Cuban National Council on Culture.

The above government agency also furnished excerpts from a second Havana, Cuba, domestic broadcast on February 4, 1971, in which it was announced that United States folk singer Pete Seeger had departed that date by air for Europe after a visit to Cuba that began on January 23, 1971. It was related that captioned individual sang protest songs at several theaters, state farms, schools and work centers. Before boarding his plane, Seeger, according to the broadcast, said that he was taking with him a most gratifying impression of the Cuban people because of their high revolutionary spirit and the splendid tasks in which they are engaged.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : *JMF* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/5/71

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

fact
+
[redacted] made available by
Bureau 2/3/71, re subject being in Cuba.

Enclosed for Bureau are the original and six
copies of LHM and one copy for WFO pertaining to PETER
SEEGER's travel abraod. *WAB*

The following source utilized in attached LHM

is [redacted]

[redacted] communication not classified.

On 2/5/71, SA STEPHEN M. CARBONE, NYO, telephonically
contacted PETER SEEGER's office, 200 W. 57th Street, Suite 304,
NY, NY (tel # JU 6-6553) pretexting a booking engagement. At
that time an unidentified women advised SEEGER was not in NY and
would return in one week.

*0-17 to NY (filed)
2/16/71 SFP/Lmy*
LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD

WFO is requested to review files of USDS, Passport Section
to determine if SEEGER is in possession of a valid passport, if so,
furnish background data. WFO is also requested to determine if
SEEGER has received permission from USDS to travel to Cuba. The
results of above review should be forwarded to Bureau and NYO by
LHM. It should be noted that SEEGER's passport issued 6/17/63,
was numbered D45 3486.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845
NYfile 100-83801

New York, New York
February 5, 1971

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Peter Seeger resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer.

[redacted] advised that Seeger arrived in Havana, Cuba, January 24, 1971. He was met at Jose Marti International Airport by National Council of Culture Officials as well as Josepto Fernandez and Hector Argulos, a Cuban composer. *Cuba*

Seeger was accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law.

On February 5, 1971, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, utilizing a suitable pretext, was advised by Peter Seeger's Office, 200 West 57th Street, New York, New York, that Mr. Seeger is presently out-of-town and will return to New York in one week.

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ENCLOSURE

2/16/71

TO SAC, **New York** (**100-83801**)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (**100-200845**)

Subject:

PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Reference: ☐ Cover pages of SA ☐ Report of SA ☐ Letterhead memo
dated _____ at _____

☒ Letter ☐ Teletype ☐ Airtel ☐ Radiogram ☐ Cablegram dated **2/5/71** from **New York**
to **Director, FBI and WFO** Your mail dispatch of _____, registry number _____

☒ **Nonsubstantive Error** - notify appropriate personnel; mark notation in error folder; and consider in next performance ratings. Consider employees' work records as to any needed action.

☐ **Substantive Error** - return original of form to Bureau promptly with explanations and recommendations.

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Remarks:

- 1) Following changes made in paragraph two of LHM. In line one, last word "who" changed to "which." In line two, word "abroad" deleted.
- 2) In view of subject's position on SI, dissemination should have been made to Secret Service locally and Bureau furnished copies of FD-376. See MOI, Section 87, page 53. Make local dissemination. Bureau has disseminated at headquarters level.

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ENCLOSURE 100-200845-205

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SAC, New York

2/25/71

Director, FBI

PETER SEEGER

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Bufile 100-200845 - 202

(OO: NY)

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MIKA SEEGER

SM - C

Bufile 105-183924

NYfile 105-97713

EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ

SM - C

Bufile 105-211193

(OO: NY)

Enclosed for NY are three copies each and for SJ two copies each of Legat, Madrid, letters to Bureau 1/22/71 and 2/5/71.

Recipients please note character in above captioned matters to be carried as "SM - C" rather than "IS - CU."

For information of recipients not previously aware, Peter Seeger is included in the Security Index, Priority III, NY origin. His daughter, Mika, is not included in the Security Index, Bureau's investigation concerning her having been closed by NYlet 4/24/69. Bureau had no previous case concerning third listed subject, who is reportedly husband of Mika; case file now open at the Bureau.

NY should utilize information in enclosures as well as subsequent information forthcoming from Legat, Madrid, in furnishing Bureau LHM's concerning Peter Seeger's travels abroad.

Enclosures - 6

2 - San Juan (Enclosures - 4)

3 - Legat, Madrid

1 - 105-335 (Peter Seeger)

1 - 105-336 (Mika Seeger)

1 - 105-337 (Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez)

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51 MAR 2 1971
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53 MAR 1 1971

Letter to SAC, New York
Re: Peter Seeger, et al.

Concerning Mika, NY instructed to review its file and recent information, after which evaluation should be made as to whether or not further investigation of her is desirable. Advise Bureau of results of your review.

Concerning Rodriguez Vazquez, SJ should review its files and check with established sources to further identify this individual. NY should take like action and, after receipt of results from SJ, advise Bureau as to further investigation deemed advisable.

Translations requested by Legat, Madrid, letter 2/5/71 being handled separately at the Bureau and will be forwarded recipients in due course.

NOTE:

Peter Seeger is the well-known entertainer with long-time communist background. He, daughter Mika, and son-in-law Rodriguez Vazquez recently in Cuba and now reportedly in Spain.

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From: Legat, Madrid

To: Director, FBI

Subject: Peter Seeger, Mika Seeger, Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez

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September 29, 1970

REC-47, 100-200845-201

EX-100

Mr. Rodger Gaarder
Park River, North Dakota 58270

Dear Mr. Gaarder:

I have received your letter of September 21st and very much appreciate your kind remarks about the FBI and my direction of it. It is hoped our endeavors will continue to merit your confidence.

With respect to your inquiry, this Bureau conducts a considerable amount of investigation regarding the activities of those individuals and organizations which seek to undermine our basic freedoms and the internal security of our country. We furnish the results of our inquiries to the Department of Justice which has the responsibility for determining whether prosecution is warranted in these matters.

Insofar as your request is concerned, some of the publications issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, now known as the House Committee on Internal Security, are available from the Committee itself which is located in Room 309, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515, and some of them can be purchased for varying amounts from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. You may wish to contact these two sources to secure data of the type you desire.

I am enclosing material which you may not have had an opportunity to read regarding some of those individuals and organizations responsible for fomenting much of the unrest in our Nation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Rodger Gaarder

Enclosures

A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS

Director's testimony 3/5/70 re the Black Panthers, racial, extremist and communist groups.

NOTE: Correspondent wrote us in October, 1968 inquiring about communist influence in the Churches. His letter was acknowledged 10/17/68 and he was advised of the ^{Confidential} nature of our files; however, that our churches have been targets of over-all communist endeavors. He was sent reprint material. Peter Seeger is the subject of Bufile 100-200845 and was reportedly a communist party member from 1947 to 1949.

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Park River, N. Dak. 58270
September 21, 1970

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all I want to say what a fine job you are doing as director. We certainly can be fortunate that we have a man like you in this position.

In previous correspondence you mentioned that information in your files was confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. To me it certainly is not right that persons who would favor overthrow of our Government can be protected like this. Perhaps you could give me further information on this law.

North Dakota
I am very much concerned about the Youth Department of our American Lutheran Church letting speakers as Pete Seeger come to the Luther League convention. From information which I have collected, Pete Seeger is an identified Communist. I understand that such identification is made in the 1960 (p. 51) and the 1962 (p. 27) annual reports of the Committee on Un-American Activities.

I realize that your files are confidential but I am wondering if it would be possible for you to secure copies for me of the reports which I mentioned and any other material which could be available on Pete Seeger.

I hope you can see my concern as I understand that Seeger was the highlight of the convention with the youth.

Again I want to compliment you and your department on the fine work you are doing and it is too bad that under law there are certain things more which you cannot do.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rodger Gaarder
Rodger Gaarder

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EX 106

August 3, 1970

REC-20

Mrs. B. R. Stubbs
102 West Shore Place
Richardson, Texas 75080

INFORMANT

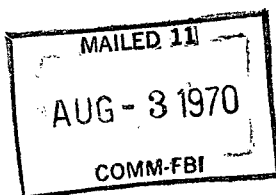
Dear Mrs. Stubbs:

In response to your letter which was received on July 30th, 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. I am, however, 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.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)

An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism
Forward to Chaos for the New Left in Action
SDS and the High Schools
A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence
Director's testimony 3/5/70 re Black Panthers, Racial Extremist and Communist Groups

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is a well-known folk singer. He has been the subject of a Security Matter-C investigation by the Bureau and has also been questioned in the past by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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102 West Shore Place
Richardson, Texas
July 25, 1970

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Can you please tell me if Pete Seeger is a member of the Communist Party and, if so, what involvement he has with it.

I am interested because I have heard he is and if so I must protest his appearance, even in a professional capacity as a folk guitarist, on NET'S "Sesame Street" childrens TV program.

I have written the shows producer and the Info. Dept. advised me that they had not inquired into his political ideology and that whatever it is, it had no bearing on his performing on their show! But it does! If children think Sesame St. is good & they learn a Communist appeared on it then they say Communism is good!

I am so concerned with the Communist push to take over our Country & I see it at every turn. Please help me & advise me as to how I can combat it on above problem.

Mrs. B. R. Stubbs

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102 West Shore Place
Richardson, Texas
July 25, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Can you please tell
me if Pete Seeger
is a member of the
Communist Party and,
if so, what involvement
he has with it

I am interested because
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I am so concerned with
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take over our country +
I see it at every turn.
Please help me + advise
me as to how I can combat
it on above problem. Mrs. B.R. Stubbs

March 3, 1970

REC-28

ad-200845-199
*
Mrs. N. G. Schmitz
624 Castalia Street
Bellevue, Ohio 44811

Helen Ryan Schmitz

Dear Mrs. Schmitz:

REK
In reply to your letter of February 24th, I
regret I am unable to be of assistance as information in our
files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with
regulations of the Department of Justice.

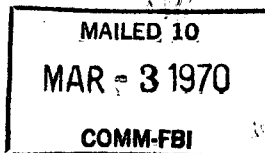
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reveal one prior outgoing to correspondent dated 2-10-69,
in reply to her expression of confidence. Peter Seeger is the subject
of Bufiles 100-200845 and is one the Security Index of the New York Office.

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624 Castalia Street
Bellevue, Ohio 44811
February 24, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Perhaps this letter and request might seem a little out-of-order to you, but I know that if anyone can supply the information I seek, you can.

I am thoroughly disgusted with some of the "happenings" in our church of late (Catholic) and I am trying in my own small way to do something about it. I am writing an article about the music that is being foisted upon us in some of the "new" hymnals. In the one we have in our parish, the protest song "We Shall Overcome" is included, the author being listed as "Anonymous." Now if I am not mistaken, Pete Seeger is the author, and I am under the impression that he is a member of the Communist Party, or at least a Communist sympathizer. Would it be possible for you to substantiate this information for me. It would mean a lot to me, and I would be everlastingly grateful.

Respectfully yours,

Helen Ryan Schmitz

(Mrs. N. G. Schmitz)

P.S. I hope you NEVER retire!

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CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ATTN:

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1/30/70

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NY)

Pete Seeger

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

Enclosed is one copy each of one item(s) pertaining
to subject received fromRequest enclosure(s) _____ be translated ☐ in summary
☐ verbatim and enclosure(s) and translation sent to interested field division.Subject uses the return address: Box 431,
Beacon, New York, in writing to VICTOR GROSSMAN in East
Berlin. He states:Germany

"Wonderful to hear from you."

"Would you be interested in learning more about the Hudson River Sloop project? It's a very interesting thing to see the struggle against pollution joining forces with the peace struggle and the civil rights struggle. I'm convinced that projects like this could be undertaken in many parts of the world wherever there are people who love sailing and are concerned about water as well as problems of war and peace and racism."

"I see your brother every year down at the Boat Show."

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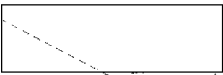
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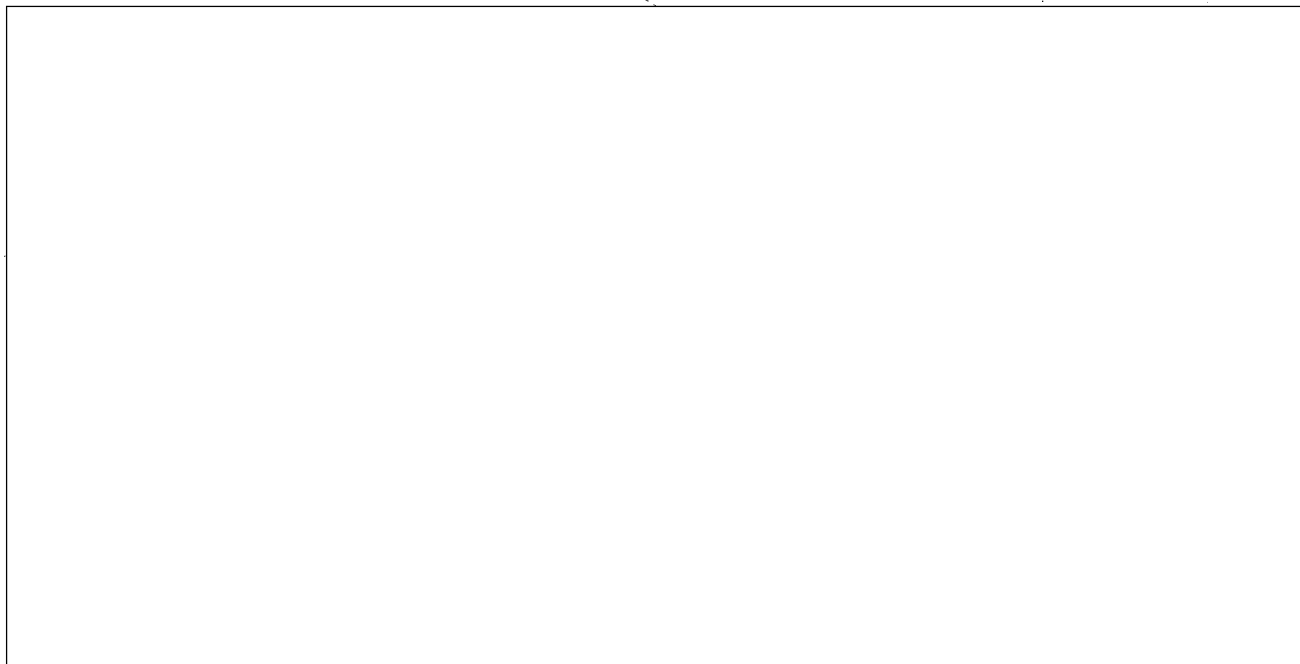
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GROSSMAN is one of the better-known aliases of STEPHEN WECHSLER, Buffalo origin, Bufile 100-359527. He deserted from the U. S. Army in West Germany in 1952 and has been active as an East German propagandist since. There is no indication he intends ever to return to the United States.

GROSSMAN's brother, to whom subject refers, is probably WALT WELLES (born WECHSLER), who resides in Westport, Connecticut. There is no current Bureau interest in WELLES, as far as known to Bonn.


FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods



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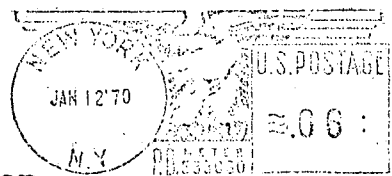
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

January 11, 1970

Dear Victor,

Wonderful to hear from you.

Would you be interested in learning more about the Hudson River Sloop project? It's a very interesting thing to see the struggle against pollution joining forces with the peace struggle and the civil rights struggle. I'm convinced that projects like this could be undertaken in many parts of the world wherever there are people who love sailing and are concerned about water as well as problems of war and peace and racism.

I see your brother every year down at the Boat Show.

Love to all the family,

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Pete

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C

DATE: 2/4/70

ReBulet to NY, dated 12/24/69, Legat, London letter to Bureau dated 12/12/69, NYlet to Bureau and LHM dated 1/25/67.

Enclosed herewith are the original and six copies of an LHM pertaining to captioned individuals travel abroad.

The enclosed LHM is classified "Secret" because the information furnished by [redacted] was classified "Secret."

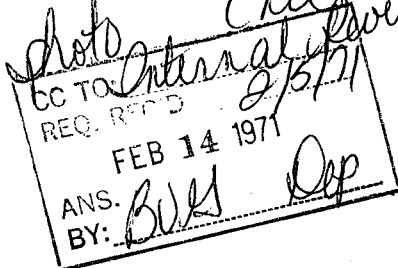
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1 - New York

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NW 1819 DocId: 3400637 Page 133 U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 4, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau file number 100-200845
New York file number 100-83801

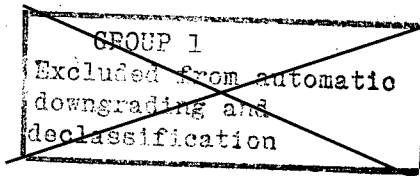
Peter Seeger
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Reference is made to memorandum dated January 25, 1967, concerning captioned individual.

Peter Seeger resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer.

On December 9, 1969, a source abroad, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Seeger arrived in England, via air, from New York, on November 16, 1969, and departed on November 30, 1969.

On January 28, 1970, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject has been observed recently in the Beacon, New York, area, and that he is scheduled to give a concert in Beacon, sometime during the week of January 26 or February 2, 1970.



This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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ENCLOSURE

Peter Seeger

On May 13, 1969, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the second session of the Southern District Communist Party Convention was scheduled to be held in Los Angeles, California, on May 17th and May 18, 1969. The source stated that the session would end at noon on May 18, 1969, so that the convention would be able to attend the Seeger concert later that day.

On June 3, 1969, a third source, who has furnished reliable information the past, advised that Seeger gave a concert on May 18, 1969, at the Greek Theater, North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The sources stated this concert was sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee For Defense of the Bill of Rights. (LACDBR). Seeger sang many songs consisting of peace for all men, return of our men from war, and problems of the working class people.

The LACDBR will be referred to in the appendix attached hereto.

On November 14, 1969, a fourth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a testimonial affair was held at 13 Astor Place, New York, New York, on October 24, 1969, to honor Joe North on his 65th birthday. According to the source, Seeger attended this affair and entertained.

On May 6, 1969, an eighth source advised that Joe North was elected a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, United States of America, at its National Convention April 30, 1969 - May 3, 1969.

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On November 21, 1969, a fifth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Seeger entertained at a rally in Washington, D.C. on November 15, 1969, in connection with the Vietnam Moratorium, and made a plea for donations to help defray the cost of this demonstration and to help plan others.

Peter Seeger

On December 12, 1969, a sixth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Communist Party was held on December 6, 1969, at the Painted Horse Restaurant, Miami, Florida. The source stated that the chairman of this celebration announced that Seeger was appearing in concert in Miami Beach, on December 13, 1969, and he urged everyone present to attend.

On December 24, 1969, a seventh source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished that the subject's subscription to the "Peoples World", had expired and wasn't renewed.

The "Peoples World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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Peter Seeger

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APPENDIX

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS,
formerly known as Los Angeles Committee for
Protection of Foreign Born (LACDBR)

A source advised in May, 1968, that the LACDBR has expanded its former scope of interest relating to the foreign born, and has become a militant general defense organization allegedly seeking to safeguard the rights of all individuals, including the foreign born, as well as those seeking to avoid military service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The LACDBR is a non-membership organization which is represented by an Administrative Board of about 125 individuals from loosely organized area committees interested in the work of the LACDBR. These board members are invited by ROSE CHERNIN, Executive Director of the LACDBR, who is the guiding, dominant, and motivating force behind the LACDBR. Its headquarters are maintained at 326 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California.

Another source advised in May, 1968, that ROSE CHERNIN is currently Organizational Secretary of the Moranda Smith Section of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

APPENDIX

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EX-103

SAC, New York (100-83801)

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1 - Mr. Floyd

12/24/69

Director, FBI (100-200845) - 196

PETE SEEGER
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ReLegat, London, letter dated 12/12/69.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of relet.

New York will note subject's recent travel to
England.

New York will submit an appropriate LHM containing
pertinent background and subversive data concerning subject
for transmittal to interested agencies and to the Legat,
London.

2 - Legat, London (100-2101)

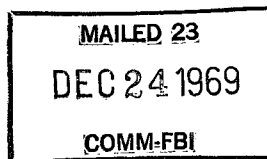
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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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NOTE:

Subject is on the Security Index. He is a well known
entertainer and has been involved in communist and communist front
activities since the mid-1940's.



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15 DEC 30 1969

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/12/69

FROM : Legat, London (100-2101) (P)

SUBJECT: PETE SEEGER
SM - C

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By letter dated 12/9/69, classified SECRET,
advised:

Subject arrived England via air from New
York on 11/16/69 and departed on 11/30/69.

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February 14, 1969

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Mr. Stanley J. Borajkiewicz
68 Edgemont Lane
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

Dear Mr. Borajkiewicz:

Your letter of February 10th has been received.

While I wish I could be of assistance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Peter Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He is a subject of a Security Matter-C investigation, Bufile 100-200845. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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68 Edgemont Lane
Willingboro, N. J. 08046
February 10, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a member of the Cardinal Mindzenty Foundation, I am engaged in the fight against communism and find it necessary to ask for your help.

I should appreciate any information you may have on song writer and performer, Pete Seeger and his affiliation with numerous communist front organizations.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Stanley J. Borajkiewicz
Stanley J. Borajkiewicz

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CORRESPONDENCE

SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY
(See Correlation Summary dated 5/7/64 filed as 100-200845-121)

Main File No: 100-200845

Date: 12/27/68

Subject: Peter Seeger

Date Searched: 5/7/68

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

✓ Peter Seeger
✓ Peter Bower
✓ Pete Bowers
✓ Peter Bowers
✓ Paul Campbell
✓ P. Seegar
✓ Peet Seegar
✓ Pete Seegar
✓ Peter Seegar

✓ P. Seeger
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✓ Pete Seiger
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✓ Pete Sieger
✓ Pete Steiger

Summary

6: 5-3-19

N.Y.C., N.Y.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE, AND IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN MORE DETAIL.

Analyst

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James P. Benedict

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ABBREVIATION

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Peter Seeger can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

RELATIVE WHO HAS BUREAU MAIN FILE

The relationship and biographical data of Pete Seeger were set forth in the serial of the main file on his brother, Charles Louis Seeger, III, as follows:

REFERENCE

151-1718-11 p.2,4,5

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

(14,18)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that on 3/26/56, the University of Wisconsin Chapter of the Labor Youth League sponsored Pete Seeger, a folk singer, at a public meeting in the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union, Madison, Wisconsin.

Add. info.

138-4897-22 p.20
(14)

M. G. Lowman, 18 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio furnished photographs of several individuals, including Pete Seeger, who were at the Highlander Folk School (61-7511)*, on August 31 - September 2, 1957.

Photograph enclosed
61-7511-203 p.2; encl.p.3
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*Monteagle, Tenn.

The 5/3/61 issue of the "Minnesota Daily" carried an article captioned "Seeger Concert Presents Sponsors With Problems." This article reflected that Pete Seeger, folk singer, was to appear on the campus of the University of Minnesota on 5/5/61. The article further reflected that Mulford Q. Sibley (100-441228), professor of political science, was one of two faculty members who jointly had deposited \$600.00 with the University of Minnesota Department of Concerts and Lectures, so that Seeger might appear on the campus.

100-441228-7 p.14
(8)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] advised that Robert Reed MacLeod (100-442900) attended a social on 5/6/61, at 678 Ardmore Drive, Goleta, California, to raise money for Pete Seeger (locality not given), the folk singer.

Add. info.

100-442900-1 p.8
(9)

The 3/13/62 issue of "The Worker," contained an article entitled, "Topical Singers Get Organized." The article stated that "Broadside", Box 193, Cathedral Station, NYC (100-437574), a rousing new group of singers who devote themselves to "songs about our times" and "topical songs", had been formed. The group listed Pete Seeger as its advisor.

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On 4/30/62, Former [] made available a copy of "Broadside", # 2, dated March, 1962, which also contained the above information.

Add. info.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-437574-5 encl.p.1,2
(7)

Donald Howard Gist (not further identified) and []
[] advised that Pete Seeger sang at a rally which was sponsored by the New York Trade Union Solidarity Committee for Hazard Miners (not further identified), on 1/24/63, at the Community Church of New York, 40 East 35th Street, NYC.

Add. info. according to "New York Herald Tribune", dated 4/5/61.

140-30963-6 p.2,3,4,6
(14)

The "Worker", dated 2/12/63, carried an article entitled "Queens College Head Irked by Pete Seeger". According to the article, Dr. Harold Stoke, President of Queens College, NY, was cancelling an invitation to Pete Seeger to perform in the First Queens College Folk Festival (date not given).

Add. info.

157-1676-1392 encl.p.3,4
(15)

This reference on Pete Seeger pertains to the following: A concert for the benefit of Seeger's civil liberties defense fund (not further identified) and the First Unitarian Church general fund; A function for the benefit of Freedom Riders; A University of California, Los Angeles music festival which would include a hootenanny; A "Wee Hours Hoot"; and a folksong festival. Seeger appeared or was scheduled to appear at the above affairs from 10/6/61 to 5/5/63, in Los Angeles and North Hollywood, California. Background data was also set out.

140-28987-10 p.1,11,12,13
(14)

Los Angeles letter, dated 9/27/63, made reference to a call on or prior to 5/17/63 by Roger Roy Dittman, chairman of the Wilshire Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), relative to obtaining an FBI speaker for his chapter of the ACLU (61-190). Dittman said it came to his attention that a film concerning Pete Seeger (folk singer identified with CP front groups) had been cancelled at the First Unitarian Church (locality and date not given) because of "FBI efforts". The allegation was refuted.

61-190-1041 p.2
(3)

The August, 1963 issue of "Mainstream" (100-354634), a magazine published in NYC, contained an article by Peter Seeger (locality not given), entitled "Remembering Woody".

Add. info.

100-354634-187 p.14,15
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SI 100-441317-1 p.3
(8)

9 The "Herald-Examiner," daily metropolitan Los Angeles evening newspaper, carried an article in its "Sunset Edition" on 8/15/63, captioned, "They Ask a Probe of Folk Singers." This article stated that the Fire and Police Research Association of Los Angeles had called for an investigation by HCUA of folk singers. Associate directors Norman Moore and Gordon Browning said members of the CP were prominent in the art and using folk singing to influence the country's youth. They included the Pete Seegers, the Leonard Potashes (100-417286) and others who had been identified as members of the Communist conspiracy before a Governmental investigating committee.

(100-417286-20 p.20)
(7)

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

Material extracted from

(protect identity) included a communication directed to Alex C. Schlichting, Parkstr 51, Berlin-Pankow, Germany dated 11/8/63, from Earl, 128 Willow Street, Brooklyn 1, NY. In this letter the writer stated he had done a small project for Canadian TV on refugee

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seamen around the world and was hopeful about his banjo concerto for Pete Seeger.

Copy of letter enclosed
100-5578-117 p.1 encl.1.p.3
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10 The "Atlanta Journal-Constitution," Atlanta, Georgia, dated 2/2/64, contained an article which stated that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (100-439190) had realized an unspecified amount of money from concerts (locality not shown) given by folk-singer Pete Seeger. The article also stated that the House Committee on Un-American Activities listed "no evidence" of Communist party membership for Seeger, but, according to committee records, he had been associated with nine CP front organizations.

(100-439190-91 p.30)
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(SI 100-439190-127 p.20)
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 2/26/64, [] advised that Hank Carr, employed at the Express Publishing Company,* stated that if you were a "leftist" thinker you were called a communist. Carr went on to say that a friend of his named Pete Steiger or Seeger (phonetic), a singer, was so classified and had not been able to work regularly since. Carr also stated that Seeger was in Europe and that he corresponded frequently with him.

100-225892-45-15 p.3
(4/23)

*Possibly San Antonio

[] advised that a letter was sent out by Eugene Leon Alexander (100-442632) during May, 1964, in reference to the founding convention of a Socialist Oriented Youth Organization, later known as the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America, which was to be held in San Francisco during the period June 19 through 21, 1964. The writer stated that there were some exciting possibilities in the way of entertainment and benefits; they were getting in touch with Bob Dylan (not further identified) and Pete Seeger. (Letter set out.)

100-442632-2 p.8
(9)

[] and [] advised that a CPUSA meeting was held at 65 Second Avenue, NYC, on 8/31/64. Sources advised that Doretta Tarmon brought tickets to this meeting for the Pete Seeger and Nina Simone concert, to be held on 9/12/64, at the Long Island Arena, NYC. This concert was for the benefit of a chapter of CORE* in Long Island, NY, which was headed by Tarmon's son.

[] advised that a meeting of an East Side Club of the CP was held at the apartment of Tarmon, 37 East Fourth Street, NYC, on 9/14/64. Source advised that Tarmon, at this meeting, stated that the above Seeger and Simone concert was a success.

Add. info. according to the "New York Herald Tribune", dated 4/5/61.

100-442529-726 p.65,66,69,147

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SI 100-442529-265 p.478,479,721

(9) (Add. info.)

*Congress of Racial Equality

Sylvia Berke, 1910 West Verdugo, Burbank, California, a volunteer worker at the Californians Against Proposition 14 (CAP 14) Office, 2901 West Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank, advised that on 9/18/64, a male (not further identified) entered the CAP 14 office and said he was interested in literature regarding Proposition 14 which would be on the November, 1964 Ballot in California. This individual noticed a leaflet in the office advertising a fund raising function at the Hollywood Bowl (not further identified) scheduled for 9/23/64, with folk singers Pete Seeger and Joan Baes on the program. Berke explained that these and other entertainers had donated earnings for that night to CAP 14.

At that point, the individual became very excited and irrational and shouted there would be violence at the Bowl; that the Minutemen (not further identified) had Seeger and Baes on their "list" and "would take care of them;" that these entertainers were communists and the CAP organization was a CP front.

Mrs. Blanche Fuller, 1134 North Niagra Street, Burbank, a volunteer worker at CAP 14, on 9/23/64, furnished the same information as above and also stated that this individual verbally identified himself as Calvin Fox (62-109407).

62-109407-4 encl.p.1,2

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The Californians Against Proposition Fourteen held a fund-raising affair at the Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood, California, featuring Pete Seeger and Joan Baez, folk singers, on 9/23/64.

Six pickets in the uniforms of the American Nazi Party (not further identified) demonstrated at the entrance to the Hollywood Bowl, carrying placards. One of these placards stated "Seeger-Red Rat-Vote Yes on Fourteen".

Five pickets from the Association for Protection of American Rights, an organization, also demonstrated, carrying placards. One of these placards stated "Pete Seeger the Communist Says No on Fourteen".

Proposition Fourteen was an initiative referendum on the 11/3/64 ballot which would invalidate the Rumford Act, pertaining to known discrimination in home sales and rentals in California.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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157-2033-2 encl.p.1
(15)

On 10/26/64, [redacted] furnished the Los Angeles Office with a copy of an undated letter which had been distributed by the Travis Defense Committee (100-442322). The letter listed Pete Seeger, Beacon, NY, as one of the sponsors of the above committee.

Letter enclosed
100-442322-2 encl.1.p.1
(9)

This reference set out a verbatim transcript of a recording published by Let Freedom Ring (157-1704), which could be obtained from dialing telephone number CO 3-6520 in Philadelphia on 12/14/64. This recording made reference to folk music and Pete Seeger as the most popular folk singer, and contained a summary of Seeger's background, his communist affiliations and activities.

157-1704-17 encl.p.2
(15)

On 1/21/65, [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that George A. Brager (140-30439), Director of Camp Willoway which was operated by the Young Men's - Young Women's Hebrew Association ("Y") in Mt. Vernon, brought a number of people to Camp Willoway whom source described as left-wingers. As an example, source stated that one of these persons was Pete Seeger (locality not given), a folk singer.

Add. info.

140-30439-10 p.3,7,8
(14)

On 2/10/65, John Schenick, Alameda County, California, Probation Office, advised that Jacqueline Goldberg was the Berkeley, California organizer of the American group, which was in charge of arranging for the American Delegation to the Ninth World Youth Festival (date not given and not further identified). Money for this event was to be raised through concerts given by Joan Baez (not further identified) and Pete Seegar (locality not given) as well as donations from private contributors.

100-443127-9 encl.p.1
(21)

The 2/27/65 issue of the "National Guardian" contained an advertisement for Camp Webatuck, at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York which listed Pete Seeger as a sponsor. [redacted] also advised that Seeger was a sponsor of this camp.

This serial indicated that Camp Webatuck was a camp for boys and girls which was controlled by the CP since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

100-43795-142 p.2,3
(4)

[redacted] advised that Pete Seeger sang at a performance which was held in the Oriental Theater, 2330 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 3/5/65.

100-382253-26 p.1
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SI 100-282641-49 p.2
(5) (Add. info.)

[redacted] advised that a meeting of the monthly dance group, organized and administered by John Gilman, Wisconsin CP leader, was held on 2/6/65, at the home of Mrs. Zlata Buxton, 925 South Egan Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin. At this meeting the dance group discussed the coming appearance of the entertainer Pete Seeger, who was reported in the recent (date not given) Milwaukee press (not further identified) as either formerly or at present pro-Communist or Communist. Seeger was allegedly coming to Milwaukee on 3/5/65.

100-361550-72 p.3

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"The New York Times," dated 3/25/65, contained an article captioned, "Stars Give Show For Rights March" by Donald Janson. This article stated that a show would be given, on 3/24/65, by a score of entertainers from the stage and screen, to entertain civil rights demonstrators who were on the five-day Freedom March* from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The show would be held at St. Jude Roman Catholic parochial school and hospital near the city limits of Montgomery.

According to the article, Pete Seeger was among those who attended.

100-442529-973 p.95,96,210

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SI 100-442529-905 encl.p.4,7

(9) (Add. info.)

*March, 1965

A march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, was held 3/21-25/65. Pete Seegar was one of the leaders of this march. (Source not given.)

44-28544-353 p.1

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A highly sensitive source (not further identified), furnished an undated newsletter of the Detroit Committee to End the War in Vietnam. This newsletter was captioned, "Local and National Plans for April 17 March on Washington to End the War in Vietnam". The newsletter indicated that the March on Washington (62-110048) would be on 4/17/65. The newsletter also stated that folk singers Pete Seeger and Judy Collins planned to assist in the organization of the march. D.C.

62-110048-23 encl.p.1

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The American Youth Festival Committee (100-443127) issued a press release, undated, entitled "Pete Seeger Urges Attendance at IX World Youth Festival." The press release (set out) described the festival which would be held in Algiers, July 28 - August 7 as the greatest and urged attendance. ([redacted] 4/19/65)

100-443127-44 p.2,3,15,16
(9)

The January, 1966 issue of "The New Student South," publication of the Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC), a fraternal group of Students For a Democratic Society (100-439048-28) contained an article entitled "Southern Folk Festival" by Ann Romaine. This article reflected that the SSOC was planning a traveling folk festival, from 4/1/65 to 4/23/65, in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. The article further reflected that it was hoped that Pete Seeger would be able to make appearances at the afternoon workshops as well as evening concerts.

100-439048-28-11 p.4
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Correlator's Note: There was no indication in main file that Seeger made this tour either in April, 1965 or April, 1966.

On 5/20/65, [redacted] indicated that Frank A. Capell contacted one Bella* (not further identified) in NYC. Capell discussed having information about the proceedings when Pete Seeger (locality not given) was cited for contempt (not further explained). Capell said that Harvey Matusow (not further identified) identified Seeger as a communist. Capell pointed out that Skousen (not further identified) knew Seeger and J. Edgar Hoover well.

On 5/20/65, [redacted] advised that Capell received a call from Mr. Manuel (not further identified) in which he requested information on Seeger, which he wanted for a prominent woman. (No further details.)

[redacted] p.1,2
(14)

*Probably Bella Dodd

The May - June, 1965 issue, Volume 2, # 2, of "American Dialog" (100-354634), published bimonthly by Dialogue Publications, 853 Broadway, NYC, announced that Peter Seeger joined the "Board of Sponsors."

Add. info.

100-354634-206 p.2,4,5
(17)

Clara Sullivan, wife of a coal miner, Kodak, Kentucky, advised that she received a letter along with a song from Bernard Gibson. Gibson, a leader of the unemployed coal miners in Eastern Kentucky, and the President of the Appalachian Committee for Full Employment, forwarded the above letter to Sullivan which was addressed to him from Marvin Reynolds, 2027 Parker Street, Berkeley 4, California, dated 6/22/65. In this letter Reynolds stated that Pete Seeger and he wrote a song based on a letter from Sullivan published in an issue of the paper "Progressive Labor"* sometime ago. Reynolds also stated that Seeger and he would like to make Sullivan a gift of part of the record royalties because she was the inspiration of the song, and also wanted to know how to get in touch with her. Letter set out.

100-437041-27-25 p.2,4
(21)

*A review of serial 28 indicated that "Progressive Labor" was a monthly magazine published by the Progressive Labor Party (100-437041-27).

John H. McCullah (not further identified) advised that Robert Dennis Crowley (100-443654) attended a public concert at the Portland auditorium Portland, Oregon on 7/10/65, at which Pete Seeger performed. This concert was under the sponsorship of Portland Friends of Students Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (not further identified).

100-443654-7 p.2
(10)

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that an international conference entitled "Alternative Perspectives on Vietnam," was held at the University of Michigan, on 9/14-18/65. The Inter-University Committee for Debate on Foreign Policy (62-110039) was one of the organizations that sponsored the conference. Source also furnished names of individuals who were sponsors or supporters of this conference, which included Pete Seeger.

62-110039-190 encl.p.25

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On 10/8/65, [redacted] furnished a letter which had been distributed by the Alexander Defense Committee (ADC) (100-443672), P.O. Box 345, Canal Street Station, NYC. This letter referred to Pete Seeger as one of the sponsors of ADC.

100-443672-5 encl.p.1,5,6

(10)

SI 105-146911-232 encl.p.4

(14)

[redacted] advised that Leonid Aleksandrovich Gulev (105-101528) was in contact* with Peter Seeger. The source disclosed that Gulev assisted Seeger in the translation of American songs to Russian in preparation for Seeger's tour of the Soviet Union. Gulev also apparently assisted Seeger in preparing a program for presentation on his tour. In this connection it was noted that Seeger said he would arrive in Moscow on 10/5/65 but would not sing until 10/23 or 24/65.

Add. info.

105-101528-116 p.3

(18)

*90 Day Progress letter dated 10/20/65

not a Marxist-oriented group

The November-December, 1965, issue of "Insurgent", self described semi-monthly magazine of the W.E.B. Dubois Clubs of America (~~locality not given~~), contained an article entitled, "Sing It Like It Is: The Revolution in Pop Music" by Albert Lannon, Jr. This article praised the current popular music that was protest

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music-protest against the war in Vietnam, the draft, the oppression of Negroes, etc. Singled out for special praise were such singers as Pete Seeger. [redacted]

This serial indicated that the W.E.B. Dubois Clubs of America was a (national Marxist-oriented youth organization.)

(100-411307-43 p.3)
(7)

The # 2/1966 issue of "Perspectives", publication of the World Council of Peace (100-361031), published at Mollwaldplatz 5, Vienna, Austria, and received at Bern, Switzerland carried an article entitled "They sing against war and the world sings with them." This article contained excerpts from songs by Pete Seeger (locality not given).

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Publication enclosed
100-361031-1004 p.1; encl.p.20,21
(6)

Former [redacted] advised on 9/12/55, that he was a student at Columbia University and was familiar with folk music groups who performed there. In this capacity, he stated he had been closely associated with Peter Seeger of Cold Spring Road, Beacon, NY. [redacted]

[redacted] He said this group performed at folk music concerts at various places in NYC and at various camps, such as Camp Kinderland. He said that the songs they sang were political in nature and followed the line of the extreme left.

When recontacted on 3/21/66, former [redacted] furnished substantially the same information as in the previous interview; however he recalled that Kenneth Michael Nelson, freshman at Columbia University, often attended Seeger's concerts but that Nelson did not associate with Seeger to the extent that [redacted] did.

This serial indicated that Camp Kinderland, Hopewell Junction, NY, under the Communist management, was a children's camp owned and operated since 1951 by Camp Lakeland, Incorporated.

Add. info.

140-32309-2 p.3,4,6,7
(14,18)

On 4/12/66, [] and [] advised that Pete Seeger gave a concert (date not given), at San Carlos Academy, Mexico City. *Mexico*

Both informants described Seeger as a "progressive or leftist artist whose concerts were sponsored by numerous progressive organizations in the United States.

100-338889-197 p.3

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[] (protect identity), advised on 5/7/66, that a leaflet was being distributed on various college campuses in the Washington, D.C., area. This leaflet was entitled "Join the Voters March on Washington, Sunday, May 15, for Peace in Vietnam". This leaflet reflected that "Pete Seeger, America's most famous folk singer" was listed as a "last minute attraction.

100-445578-39 encl.p.1

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[] advised that the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (157-370-24), held an open rally at Jefferson Davis Park, Memphis, Tennessee, on 5/28/66. This source advised that Raymond R. Anderson, the Grand Dragon for the State of Tennessee, speaker at this rally, was critical of Nashville Mayor, Beverly Briley, and the Metro School System. Anderson pointed out that Briley had recommended that the first grade students purchase folk songs by Peter Seegers (locality not given), a known Communist.

157-370-24-157 encl.p.2

(19)

The following references in the file captioned "Jose Antonio Gonzalez-Gonzalez" concerns items in the possession of Gonzalez which made reference to Pete Seeger, Beacon, NY from 1/4/65* to 6/5/66. Gonzalez had written songs which had been forwarded to Seeger. The purpose of these transactions were not indicated.

REFERENCE

105-83473-323 p.2,4,5,6
-391 p.11

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

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*Probably 1/4/66

[] advised that the Peace Action Council of Los Angeles (PAC) was attempting to obtain several individuals, including Pete Seeger as peace speakers for the proposed rally at the Federal Building, on 8/6/66, at Los Angeles.

This serial indicated that PAC was a coalition of peace and political groups in Los Angeles which were against the United States policy in Vietnam.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-445949-62 encl.p.3
(10)

[] furnished a list of material received by Dennis Robert Ciesielski (100-446269) through the US mail. Included were notes from the 9/22/66 meeting of the Milwaukee Peace Coordinating Committee which dealt with, among other things, the outline for a program for November International Days of Protest of which Pete Seeger would be a possible speaker for November 5-8.

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

100-446269-8 encl.p.3
(10)

According to [] and [] Pete Seeger was a well known "progressive" American folk singer who gave concerts both in the United States and abroad, and who was supported by members of communist and "progressive" organizations.

This information was submitted by Mexico report dated 11/29/66.

Add. info.

100-422317-132 p.4
(7)

On 12/15/66, Donald Reuben Lindquist (100-70859) attended a Students for a Democratic Society Connections meeting at Norton Union, State University of New York at Buffalo.

During this meeting, it was noted that Lindquist apparently was on the committee to bring Pete Seeger to the University for a spring benefit conference (date not given); however, Lindquist presented a letter (date not given) from Seeger which said that he would not be able to make it.

Add. info. according to the "New York Herald Tribune," dated 4/5/61.

The "University Daily Kansan", which was the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, student newspaper, dated 1/5/67, contained an article entitled "Peace Groups to Join March on Penitentiary." This article mentioned that Pete Seeger (locality not given) was one of the sponsors of the Fort Hood Three Defense Committee, a group organized after the three men's trial to sponsor legal appeals and publicize their plight.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-446189-9 encl.p.6
(10)

[redacted] (protect identity) made available a copy of the "Regional Newsletter" for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, and Michigan, published by the Dayton Area Coordinating Committee (100-444747), 221 Xenia Avenue, Yellow Springs, Ohio, dated 1/27/67, Number 20. This publication noted that "Songs for Peace" was compiled and edited by SPU (not further identified), with a foreword by Pete Seeger, had recently been published by Oak, 165 W. 46 Street, NYC, and copies would soon be available from local producer, 325 W.S. Coll Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Copy of "Regional newsletter" enclosed
100-444747-16 encl.p.4
(10)

Norman Mack, a reporter for the "Patent Trader" newspaper, Huntington Road, RFD # 1, Yorktown Heights, NY, advised that he had been in receipt of several anonymous phone calls recently (date not given). Mack stated that the above phone calls might have had some relationship to the fact that he had written articles in reference to folk singer Pete Seeger and his future scheduled appearance (date not given) at the Yorktown, NY High School.

This information was submitted by NY airtel dated 1/27/67.

9-0-12159 p.1
(3)

Marriner R. Jensen, Alton, Idaho, who represented the Sierra Life Insurance Company and operated a large cattle ranch between the Wyoming border and Montpelier, Idaho, on 2/7/67 stated that he heard a lecture by a minister (not further identified) in Salt Lake City, Utah, several years prior to that time during which time the minister indicated that Pete Seeger, the folksinger was either a

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communist or a fellow traveler. Jensen had heard some of Seegar's recordings and agreed with the minister.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

62-0-69764- p.2,3
(20)

[redacted] made available a 20-page booklet commemorating Edward K. Barsky's (100-447413) dinner held on 2/24/67, at the Hotel Americana, NYC. This booklet listed a "Committee of Sponsors" for the Barsky dinner which included Pete Seeger.

Add. info.

100-447413-2 p.13,17
(10)

The "Daily Collegian," publication of the students of Pennsylvania State University (date not given), contained an article entitled "SDS Invites Six Speakers; Teach-In Planned April 8-9." This article stated that Pete Seeger would be contacted to appear at the teach-in, on April 8-9 (year not given), at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. This teach-in would be sponsored by the University chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (100-439048-37).

This information was submitted by Philadelphia letter dated 3/15/67.

100-439048-37-53 p.2
(8)

[redacted] (protect identity), stated that he participated in a public discussion of "topical songs" with several individuals, including Pete Seeger, at the 1966 Berkeley Folk Festival (not further identified).

62-0-70106 p.1
(3)

The March-April, 1967, issue of "The German American" (100-279704), set forth an article in English entitled "Peace Medal for Pete Seeger." This article disclosed that Seeger was awarded the peace medal in Berlin (date not given) by Hans-Peter Minetti, Presidium member of the German Democratic Republic (not further identified).

100-279704-420 p.18
(5)

The following references set out meetings or affairs of the organization listed below at which Pete Seeger, renowned folk singer, appeared or was scheduled to appear as an entertainer.

DATE	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
American Youth Festival Committee			
6/1/65	NYC	100-443127-62 p.9 (scheduled to appear)	(9)
Brooklyn Freedom Democratic Movement			
6/26/65	Brooklyn, NY	105-142054-4 p.14,15	(13)
Committee For International Peace Action			
5/7/63	San Francisco	100-441413-2 p.1,2 -4 p.8,9,10,12,13	(8) (8)
Committee To Free Morton Sobell			
6/17/66	NYC	100-387835-3147 encl.p.4,6 -3150 p.26,27*	(7) (7)
Congress of Racial Equality			
8/8/64	Middlefield, Conn Connecticut	100-356640-85 encl.p.1,2 (Benefit Concert) (Scheduled to appear)	(6)
Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee			
4/5/68	NYC	157-6-34-2509 encl.p.3,4 -2488 p.3	(15) (14)

*Add. info.

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DATE	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Fort Hood Three Defense Committee			
10/9/66	NYC	100-446189-7 p.60,61	(10)✓
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People			
8/8/64	Middlefield, Connecticut	100-356640-85 encl.p.1,2 (Benefit Concert) (Scheduled to appear)	(6)✓
Portland Friends of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee			
7/10/65	Portland, Oregon	100-439190-40-3 p.2 (Benefit Concert) -3X p.4,5 (Benefit Concert)	(8)✓ (8)✓
Southern Student Organizing Committee			
4/1-28/67	Lexington, Ky. Sewanee, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn.	100-442367-130 p.29	(9)✓
4/10/67	Lexington, Ky.	100-439048-27-27 p.2	(8)✓
4/12/67	Memphis, Tenn.	100-447487-3 p.25 (Scheduled to appear)	(11)✓
Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam			
4/5/67	Ithaca, NY	62-111181-290 encl.p.1 (Benefit Concert) -403 encl.p.2 (Scheduled to appear)	(3)✓ (3)✓
4/15/67	NYC	62-111181-818 encl.p.5,37,39,62	(2)✓
Student Non-Violent Co-Ordinating Committee			
8/8/64	Middlefield, Connecticut	100-356640-85 encl.p.1,2 (Benefit Concert) (Scheduled to appear)	(6)✓
Students for a Democratic Society (continued)			
4/10/67	Lexington, Kentucky	100-439048-27-26 encl.p.1,2 -27 p.2	(7)✓ (8)✓

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that at the annual Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) (100-442367) conference, at Buckeye Cove, North Carolina, on 5/5-7/67, Sam Shirah stated that Bo Lozoff, member of SSOC, said that Pete Seeger, renowned Communist folk singer, had phoned him (date and locality not given) offering to give free concerts to help raise money for the Southern Labor Action Committee (SLAM).

This serial indicated that SLAM was a new radical movement.

100-442367-79 encl.p.26

(9)

Material extracted from [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) included a communication directed to Victor Grossman, (100-359527), 102 Berlin, Karl Marx Allee 49, GDR (E. Germany), dated 6/19/67, from Peter Seeger, Box 431, Beacon, NY. In this letter Seeger acknowledged Grossman's letter and cautioned him that the most important thing for him to do was to get well and stay well. Seeger furnished John Hammond's address at Columbia as 51 West 52 Street, NYC, and stated he would drop Hammond a note telling Hammond that he could expect to hear from Grossman.

Letter enclosed

100-359527-117 p.1,2; encl.p.1

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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

The following references on Pete Seeger, folk singer, who was prominent in the field of recordings, radio and television, appear in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Radio-Television Industry". These references pertain to the activities of Seeger in the NYC and Los Angeles areas during the period of 4/30/63 to 9/13/67. Seeger was banned by ABC-TV from appearing on a show in 1963 because of alleged CP activities. He directed an affair on behalf of "American Dialogue", CP publication, and helped raise \$500 for the publication. He was scheduled to make a concert tour* of Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe in June, 1963 at which time he would tape and film a documentary report on folk music. In one of his recordings he was critical of the FBI.

*According to main file he made the above tour.

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REFERENCE

100-340922-490 p.4,6,8,8A,25 (Criticized FBI)
-492 p.18,19,36
-495 p.5,6,24,26,31
-496 p.18,19,20,32
-500 p.21
-501 p.12,13,23,25
-503 p.4,8,9,28,29,30
-505 p.8,9,10,23,29
-507 p.12,13
-509 p.1,4,7,21
-510 p.B,19,20
-A "The Evening Star" (Washington)
4/5/67

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REFERENCE

105-138315-1667 encl.p.8
-3274 p.400, 1092
-3587 p.25
-4490 p.1
-4890 encl.p.2,3
-5252 encl.p.2,6A
-8692 p.151,284
-9008 encl.p.3

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In a letter dated 3/13/68, Gerald A. Tomczak, 8606 Phillips Avenue, Chicago, stated that Pete Seeger and Joan Baez (not further identified) were favorably mentioned in his son's (not further identified) religion books. Tomczak also enclosed literature which he had received from Concerned Catholic Parishioners, Chicago, captioned "Eighth Grade Catechism Promotes Revolution". This literature pertained to an eighth grade book of the new Catholic "Word and Worship" series that pushed the communist program, favored radical ecumenism, and endorsed civil disobedience.

Tomczak requested the Director's opinion on material he enclosed.

By letter dated 3/21/68, the jurisdiction of the FBI was explained to Tomczak and material on the general topic of communism was also sent.

Literature enclosed
61-7558-1153 p.1; encl.p.2
(3)

The Chicago "Sun-Times", dated 3/26/68, contained an article captioned, "On the Old Camp Ground - Ask Permit For Yippies To Tent-In At Grand Park", by Basil Talbott, Jr. According to the article, Judy Collins, a folk singer, announced Chicago plans of the Yippies the previous week at a press conference in NY. She said that the Yippies were summoning young people to Chicago (date not given) for a "testimonial of life" by providing free, groovy, entertainment. According to the Yippies, Pete Seeger was among the entertainers committed to come to Chicago.

157-8589-41 p.1; encl.p.2,3,4
(15)

This reference is a letter, dated 4/8/68, to the Bureau from Glenn Raley, 16705 Hilliard Road, Lakewood, Ohio, in which he furnished names of individuals, including Pete Seeger (locality not given) whom he said were communists. He also said these individuals "had been observed under oath, and that he had evidence."

62-112296-2
(3)

The following references on Pete Seeger located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, were reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
64-330-267-660	(16)
100-129861-538	(4)
105-67845-6161	(11)
-12149	(11)
-12215	(11)
-14008	(11)
-14496	(11)
-14667	(11)
-15148	(11)
-15697	(11)
-16824	(12, 19)
-16960	(12)
-17184	(12)
-17614	(12, 17)
-17950	(17)
-18044	(12)
-18079	(12, 17)
-18122 p.1	(12, 17)
-18397	(12)
-18547	(12)
-19634	(12, 17)
-21697 encl.p.12	(12, 17)
105-115728-60 encl.p.11	(13)

The following reference on Pete Seeger has been reviewed and is identical with the subject; however, the information was received from a highly sensitive source and is not being included:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
105-158653-1 p.3,5	(14, 18)

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references were not available during the time this summary was being prepared:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-445578-116	(10)✓

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 2, 1968

FBI LIAISON:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

RE:

Peter SEEGER

BORN: May 3, 1919

PLACE: New York

RESIDENCE:

Dutchess Junction
Beacon, New York

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

100-200845

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

100-23658

PASSPORT NUMBER:

J736031 issued June 10,
1968 at New York

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

New York

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

June 23, 1968

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

2 weeks

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

Sweden

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

100-200845-
Sing for World Council of Churches

NOT RECORDED

12 JUL 12 1968

PASSPORT OFFICE

Robert D. Johnson

Copy to 2cc to New York
by routing slip for
☒ info ☐ action
date 7-11-68
by W.H. [signature]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE MAY 31 1968	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/6/68 - 5/21/68
TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER		REPORT MADE BY LYNN E. MC CREDY	TYPED BY mml
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCES:

New York report of SA LYNN E. MC CREDY dated, 5/26/67.
 New York letter to Bureau dated, 9/4/67.
 WFO letter and LHM to Bureau, dated 2/7/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

SA KENNETH A. LANG obtained the leaflet advertising an "Emergency Rally" to support Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK to be held 1/29/68.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

- 5 - Bureau (100-200845) (RM)
- 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)
- 3 - New York (100-83801)

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	Request Recd.	Date Fwd.	How Fwd.	By	CC TO: OSI - 4	REQ. REC'D 718-6	ANS. BY: RJS AEE
State	(#3)	6/1/68			JUL 25 1969		

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (continued):

SAS MAURICE T. BOWMAN and WILLIAM G. BATT observed the above rally on 1/29/68.

SAS FENTON T. SCHOLL and NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA observed the memorial rally on 4/5/68.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

File Where Located

NY T-1

Instant report

NY T-2

NY T-3

NY T-4

NY T-5

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NY T-9

NY T-10

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INFORMANTS (continued):

NY T-11

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NY T-12

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NY T-13

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The following are the informants contacted who
could provide no additional information concerning the subject:

[Redacted]

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available. 3/67.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)

it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-13, the disclosure of which might reveal their identities and impair future effectiveness which could be injurious to the national defense effort.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and because of his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview the subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: LYNN E. MC CREDY
Date: MAY 31 1968 Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-83801 Bureau File #: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer. Informants advised subject entertained at memorial for MIKE GOLD and testimonial for JESUS COLON.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

On May 17, 1968, NY T-1 advised that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer. NY T-1 added that subject's mailing address is Post Office Box 431, Beacon, New York.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
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MOVEMENT

On June 23, 1967, NY T-2 advised that a memorial meeting in remembrance of MICHAEL GOLD was held on June 16, 1967, at the Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, New York City. NY T-2 stated that although this affair was labeled a memorial meeting, the occasion was in fact a fund raising meeting for the CP and \$5.00 was requested of all present to defray expenses. NY T-2 stated that the subject entertained at this meeting.

Regarding MICHAEL GOLD, ISAAC GRANICH used the pen name of MIKE GOLD. NY T-13 advised in November, 1955, that ISAAC GRANICH had been a member of the CP, United States of America (USA), since it was founded in this country.

He was employed as a columnist by the "Daily Worker" from 1933 to 1947. He is now deceased.

On June 22, 1967, NY T-3 also advised that the subject provided entertainment at the memorial meeting for MIKE GOLD which was held on June 16, 1967.

On June 20, 1967, NY T-4 also advised subject entertained at the memorial meeting for MIKE GOLD held on June 16, 1967.

On January 25, 1968, NY T-5 advised that a meeting of the National Coordinating Committee was held on January 20 and January 21, 1968, at the National Office of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America, 34 West 17th Street, New York City. NY T-5 stated that it was mentioned at this meeting that the subject had offered to perform for the DuBois Club fund drive.

The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America will be referred to in the Appendix attached hereto.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

On April 26, 1967, NY T-6 advised that a Protest March and Rally was held in New York City on April 15, 1967.

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NY T-6 stated that the march proceeded from West 59th Street and Central Park West down 6th Avenue to the United Nations (UN) Building. NY T-6 advised that the subject participated in this march and was on a truck teaching children protest songs.

"The New York Times," issue of September 13, 1967, carried an article which stated that the subject appeared on "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" which was carried nationally on the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television Network on the evening of September 10, 1967. The article further stated that SEEGER accused the CBS of censoring one of his songs.

"The New York Daily News," issue of February 27, 1968, carried an article which stated that the subject appeared on "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" on February 25, 1968.

On January 14, 1968, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) obtained a leaflet advertising an "Emergency Rally" to support Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK, WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN, JR., MITCHELL GOODMAN, MARCUS RASKIN and MICHAEL FERBER, at 8:00 P.M. on January 29, 1968, at the Manhattan Center, 8th Avenue and 34th Street, New York City. The leaflet stated that the above five individuals were to be arraigned in Boston on that date because of their "forthright statements against the immorality of the draft and the Vietnam War."

Special Agents (SAs) of the FBI observed this rally on January 29, 1968, and observed the subject entertained those in attendance with several songs.

On January 31, 1968, NY T-7 and on February 5, 1968, NY T-8 also advised that a rally in support of Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK was held at the Manhattan Center, New York City, on January 29, 1968. NY T-7 and NY T-8 stated that the subject entertained at this rally.

On February 27, 1968, NY T-9 advised that the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS was celebrated at Carnegie Hall, West 57th Street, New York City, on February 23, 1968. NY T-9 stated that the subject entertained at this affair.

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On February 26, 1968, NY T-10 and on February 28, 1968, NY T-4 also advised subject entertained at the above described affair.

Regarding Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, "The Worker" of November 26, 1961, page one, announced that W.E.B. DU BOIS had joined the CP. He is now deceased.

On March 11, 1968, NY T-11 advised that the subject gave a concert, including songs of peace and freedom, which was held on March 11, 1968, at the Thirty Auditorium of Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Texas. NY T-11 stated that the concert was sponsored by the San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam.

On March 15, 1968, NY T-10 made available a copy of a letter entitled "Testimonial Committee to Honor Jesus Colon." The letter stated that a testimonial dance and cultural evening would be held on April 5, 1968, at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 53 West 73rd Street, New York City, to honor JESUS COLON, described as a columnist and a feature writer for "The Worker." The article stated that the subject would entertain at this affair.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

On April 8, 1968, NY T-10 advised that the subject entertained at a testimonial held in honor of JESUS COLON which was held on April 5, 1968, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City.

On April 5, 1968, SAs of the FBI observed a memorial rally for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING which was held at the Central Park Mall, 72nd Street, New York City, on this date. The subject was observed at this rally and he sang several songs.

On April 16, 1968, NY T-12 advised that the subject entertained at a memorial service held for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING which was held at the Central Park Mall, New York City, on April 5, 1968.

Other informants, familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted

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in May, 1968, and shown a photograph of the subject but none could provide any additional information concerning the subject.

APPENDIXW.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, GUS HALL, CPUSA, General Secretary, indicated that the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, near the conclusion of the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth confidential source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845

May 31, 1968

NYfile 100-83801

Director

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)
 U. S. Secret Service

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File No. Bufile 100-200845
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New York, New York

MAY 31 1968

Title Peter Seeger

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Reference is made to the report
of Special Agent Lynn E. McCredy, dated and captioned as
above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE MAY 31 1968	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/6/68 - 5/21/68
TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER		REPORT MADE BY LYNN E. MC CREDY	TYPED BY mml
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCES:

New York report of SA LYNN E. MC CREDY dated, 5/26/67.
 New York letter to Bureau dated, 9/4/67.
 WFO letter and LHM to Bureau, dated 2/7/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

SA KENNETH A. LANG obtained the leaflet advertising
 an "Emergency Rally" to support Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK to be held
 1/29/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (continued):

SAS MAURICE T. BOWMAN and WILLIAM G. BATT observed the above rally on 1/29/68.

SAS FENTON T. SCHOLL and NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA observed the memorial rally on 4/5/68.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

File Where Located

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Instant report

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INFORMANTS (continued):

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The following are the informants contacted who
could provide no additional information concerning the subject:

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available. 3/67.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)

it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-13, the disclosure of which might reveal their identities and impair future effectiveness which could be injurious to the national defense effort.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and because of his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview the subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau.
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SCA - Mr. Nathan Lewin

ARA/CCA - George W. F. Clift

Request for Cuba Travel Validation: Peter Seeger

REF: Your note of February 29, 1968 and attachments

Mr. Seeger has requested, through his attorneys, validation for travel to Cuba for about two weeks beginning on or about April 6, 1968.

CCA is of the opinion that Mr. Seeger does not qualify for an exception to the general restrictions on travel to Cuba. He certainly does not qualify as a professional reporter.

ARA/CCA believes that Mr. Seeger's presence in Cuba is definitely contrary to the U. S. National interest. We recommend that his application for travel to Cuba be denied.

March 4, 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/7/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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ReNYairtel 12/15/67 and MMairtel 12/29/67, captioned, "CULTURAL CONGRESS, HAVANA, CUBA, 1/4-11/68, IS - CU" and WFOlet 12/5/66, captioned as above.

Enclosed are six copies for the Bureau and two for New York of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

The LHM is classified "Secret - No Foreign Dissemination" in view of the sensitive nature of [redacted]

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If downgraded it should be classified "Confidential" to protect the identities of sources of continuing value and [redacted]

WF T-1 is [redacted]

WF T-2 is [redacted]

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Files of the Passport Office were reviewed by SA GERALD T. GRIMALDI.

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Due to the coincidental nature of the information furnished by the sources, the subject's passport file was checked to determine if he had applied for validation to travel to Cuba. Lacking evidence that the subject had applied for or had traveled to Cuba, WFO contemplates no further

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investigation in this matter.

JOSE IGLESIAS appears to be identical with subject
of Bufile 100-405655, WFOfile 100-45328.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Washington, D.C.
February 17, 1968

PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C
INTERNAL SECURITY - CU

WF T-1 advised the Cultural Congress of Havana was scheduled for January 4-11, 1968, at Havana, Cuba. It was held at the Havana Libre Hotel, Havana, Cuba, under the auspices of the National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba (UNEAC), the Afro-Asian-Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Organization (AALAPSO) and the Cuban Preparatory Committee.

The purpose of the Cultural Congress of Havana was to obtain unity of action in the anti-imperialist fight and in defense of the cultural nucleus of each country. *NY*

On December 14, 1967, WF T-2 advised one Jose *NY*
Iglesias, not further identified, contacted [redacted]

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[redacted] to discuss his trip to Cuba. Included in this list was one Pete Seeger, (phonetic), Sing Out Folk Magazine, 701 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

As previously reported on December 5, 1966, the subject was in possession of passport number D 453486, issued June 17, 1963 and renewed in October, 1966.

As of January 19, 1968, his passport file contained no request for validation for travel to Cuba or evidence that he did so, travel.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Washington, D.C.
February 7, 1968

Title	PETER SEEGER
Character	SECURITY MATTER - C
Reference	INTERNAL SECURITY - CU
	Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/29/67 *6/8/81*

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: **PETER SEEGER**
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(OO: New York)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Reference Bonn letter to Bureau dated 5/26/67.

Dated

Recd.

Addressee

Addressor

12/8/67

12/18/67

VICTOR GROSSMAN
102 Berlin
Karl Marx Allee 49
DDR, Germany(TOSHI)
SEEGER
Suite 1304
200 West 57th Street
New York

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This letter is apparently written by subject's wife. It would appear that addressee had inquired of HAROLD LEVENTHAL concerning an American to perform in East Germany. This may be intended in connection with one of subject's tours in that area. Subject's wife is recommending LEON BIBB or BERNICE REAGON, leaning toward REAGON as her choice. The writer is apparently comparing these two to the ROBESONS. She describes BERNICE as politically naive; i.e., unacquainted with the "Daily Worker," communism, and so on, and feels that East Germany would be a great education for her. ~~ⓧ~~

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✓ ~~MRT MRS~~
She was married to CORDELL REAGON, an SNCC leader. ~~ⓧ~~

Subject himself was in Japan, where he was hospitalized for two weeks. As of the date of the writer's letter, subject was making an appearance in Denver and taking some time off to ski. ~~ⓧ~~

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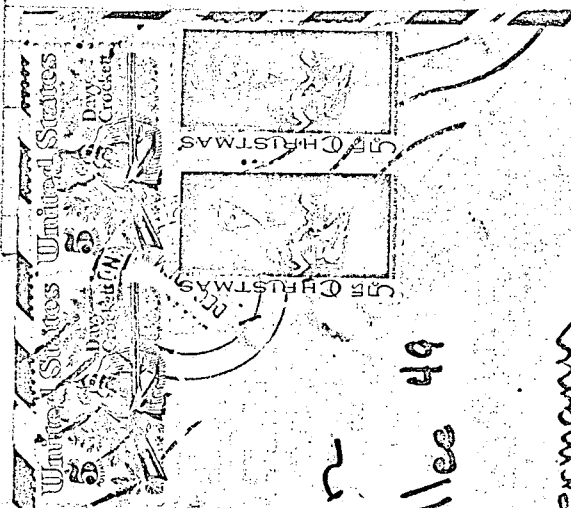
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

Dec 8th

Dear Victor,

Wish I were home with a typewriter but am sitting at a VW service station waiting 3 hours for repairs - So brought with me all the mail that has piled up over the last months -

Peter was in Japan - got hospitalized for 2 weeks and I proceeded to have premonia but with Tina, dog, cat had to get well on my own - lack of energy = lack of desk work.

With the "spa" bit & that "vacation" bit you make me jealous. In the States we may have 2 cars to every family - but vacations are nil - I was smart though & booked Peter in Denver - So he got in a few days skiing - that's where he is now -

Harold Leventhal phoned me re your cable - (to check on who/what) Leon Bibb & Bernice Reagon were both whom I was going to suggest -

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heon is older - knows the score but 2 is personally cautious (at least in the past). Bernice is young, powerful, from & reared in the deep south. has the potential of maturing into an Essie- (but without the advantages of a good education/background) but is politically naive (sp.?) Daily worker, Communist - etc are not part of her American education - I think that DOR would be a great education for her -

I would steer clear of performers that seem to have a 'star' complex - & can be very difficult to work with - (not learn)

Another reason Bernice would be good is that with a man - there would inevitable be the comparison to Paul - B.R. has Paul's type of powerful voice - personality (for a young person) shyness - and love of people - I am air-

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mailing you an LP - not best 3
quality but about all there is.
She was married to Cordell Reason
(SNCC leader) has 2 small children
(one named Toshi - the other Kwan)
And is the one person I want
Peter to tour with next time we
go to Europe - especially Eastern.
Sending L.P. "Deep Muddy"

too - share with Perry, please.

Much love to the whole
family - Just think, a year
ago we were spending New Years
watching the fireworks of East
Berlin from West Berlin -

also be on the look-out for
a book (by sea) -

Toshi -
Happy Holidays -

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AMERICAN PACIFIST NOTED IN JAPAN POSSIBLY TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA

MRS. PETER SEEGER

FR: New York: Toshi SEEGER

9 Oct 67 1243

TO: Melbourne: York House Basement, 294 Little

DIS 554 167

Collins St., Peter MANN

Arrange to have 16 MM, good quality sound movie projector for
Peter's^d concerts. Letter follows.

a. Not identified.

b. Listed at this address in Melbourne are recording studios.

c. Peter SEEGER, editor and part owner of Singout magazine which regularly
prints articles and songs of the pacifist movement. On 22 Sep 67, SEEGER,
New York, informed GEINTONO, not identified, that he needed time to pre-
pare the program with the interpreter for either an interview for TV or
the press.

d. On 3 Oct 67, Toshi SEEGER, New York, informed Ryuichi MORIOKA, not iden-
tified, GEINTONO, Tokyo, to advise Pete SEEGER to trace the film at
Screen Cons, Japan International Enterprises, telephone 4311384.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (-C-)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C
(OO:NY)

DATE: 9/4/67

Re letter from Deputy Director for Plans to Bureau dated 7/24/67.

On 8/22/67, NATALIE ERACA, Eraca's Tavern, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, advised that the subject resides only several miles from her residence and she recalled having seen SEEGER several times during the summer months. She stated that if SEEGER does leave the area for any extended period of time, there is usually some reference to it in the local newspaper. She could not recall having heard anything from the residents in this area who know subject that he had gone on a concert tour nor did she read anything about it in the local newspaper.

On 8/28/67, Mrs. ERACA advised that she had seen the subject and his wife, TOSHI, on the previous day in Beacon, NY.

On 8/31/67, MAURICE KEATING, Postmaster, Beacon, NY, advised that SEEGER leaves a forwarding address, c/o his agent in NYC, whenever he takes an extended trip away from this area. He stated that the subject did not leave any removal notice with the post office this past summer.

It is noted that SEEGER resides in a remote area some distance from the highway in a very sparsely settled area.

"The New York Times", issue of 8/25/67, page 72, column 1, carried an article which stated that SEEGER was scheduled to appear on 9/10/67, on the Columbia Broadcasting System network after having been blacklisted by major network commercial television for 17 years.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)
MARTIN YARUS aka
SM-C
(OO: New York)

AUSA SILVIO J. MOLLO, SDNY, advised on 3/24/61,
that the trial of the cases US vs. MARTIN YARUS,
US. vs. PETER SEEGER and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN
will start Monday, 3/27/61.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)
SUBJECT: MARTIN YARUS aka
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Re NY airtel dated 3/25/61, captioned as above.

AUSA IRVING YOUNGER, SDNY, advised on 3/27/61 that the selection of jurors for the case of the US vs. PETER SEEGER, Contempt of Congress, would begin this AM.

YOUNGER further advised MARTIN YARUS is in Japan with the permission of the USDC, SDNY, for the purpose of employment, and the trials of US vs. MARTIN YARUS and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN would not be held for at least six weeks.

YOUNGER stated he expected YARUS and SULLIVAN to plead guilty if SEEGER is found guilty.

The NYO will prepare letterhead memorandum concerning travel by YARUS to Japan and keep the Bureau advised of developments in trial of SEEGER.

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7-Bureau (100-382983) (MARTIN YARUS) (RM)

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11/15/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS aka
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ReNYlet to Bureau, 8/30/60.

On 11/3/60, AUSA IRVING YOUNGER, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that captioned case, previously assigned to AUSA MARVIN SEGAL, who is no longer with the Department, is now assigned to him for prosecution for Contempt of Congress. The case of US vs. PETER SEEGER was also assigned to Mr. YOUNGER, in addition to US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN.

Mr. YOUNGER advised at the last hearings of these cases, the USDC, SDNY, resolved the defendants were entitled to have Congressman WALTERS and H.C.U.A. Counsel FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR. subpoenaed for testimony.

Postponements have been obtained for subsequent hearings because of the unavailability of Congressman WALTERS due to activity concerning current election and Mr. TAVENNER due to a heart attack he had suffered.

Mr. YOUNGER stated it has now been determined that Mr. TAVENNER has sufficiently recovered to the extent that his testimony may be received. Mr. YOUNGER advised a date for the next hearing of the three cases has been set for 11/28/60; however, he understands that Congressman WALTERS will be in Europe at that time and will probably return to the US about 3/1/61.

Mr. YOUNGER also advised YARUS, SULLIVAN and SEEGER are free on bail bond and SULLIVAN and SEEGER are restricted, insofar as travel is concerned, to the area within the jurisdiction of the USDC, SDNY.

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Mr. YOUNGER stated YARUS has been granted permission to travel to Europe until Nov. 5, 1960, for reasons of employment.

Mr. YOUNGER further advised the subject's attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN, has indicated the subject's services on the film may be required until Dec., 1960, and he intends to ask for an extension of a travel grant, which, Mr. YOUNGER advises, will probably be granted, due to the unavailability of Congressman WALTERS in Nov., 1960.

Mr. YOUNGER made available a letter which Mr. BOUDIN allegedly received from the subject and made available to Mr. YOUNGER voluntarily, thereby waiving any immunity due to the attorney-client relationship.

In the above mentioned letter, the subject stated he has been offered additional employment in Paris by MARTIN RITT, a director of movie, "Paris-Blues", at Studio de Boulogne for a period of four weeks with a possible extension of four additional weeks, Nov. 15, 1960 - Jan. 1, 1961, as a dialogue coach and actor.

The above letter further revealed the subject has been virtually unemployed since 1951, was currently in debt \$2,000.00 and has been employed at his current job for approximately two months.

In compliance with Bureau instructions, this case is being retained in a pending status in order that Bureau may be kept advised of all pertinent activity concerning the subject's prosecution.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

8/30/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS aka
SM - C
(OO: New York)

ReNYlet to Director dated 6/29/60, captioned as
above.

On 8/25/60, AUSA MARVIN SEGAL advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER the cases of US vs. MARTIN YARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER, and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN had been called for a hearing before US District Judge ALEXANDER BIRKS, SDNY, in June, 1960, continued to July, 1960.

Mr. SEGAL advised at the July hearing a tentative date for trial was set for November 28, 1960, due to the unavailability of Congressman WALTERS for testimony until after the national elections.

Mr. SEGAL further advised the court is considering allowing the taking of testimony of Mr. FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR., HCUA Counsel by deposition; however, this can not be decided until Mr. TAVENNER is afforded a physical examination to determine if he has sufficiently recovered from his heart attack to allow the depositions.

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Mr. SEGAL also advised motions have been made by the defendants for the production of documents from the HCUA to which he has filed motions to set aside the subpoena duces tecum.

According to Mr. SEGAL, at the hearing on 11/28/60, the trial date will probably be set and the defendants will be tried individually in the order of US vs. SEEGER, US vs. SULLIVAN, and US vs. TYNE (YARUS).

Inasmuch as it appears the trial for captioned subject is still several months from its fruition, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status by the NYO.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

4/5/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, aka.
SM-C
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Director, dated 1/27/60, captioned "PETER SEEGER aka; SM-C".

On 3/31/60, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of US Vs. MARTIN YARUS, US Vs. PETER SEEGER and US Vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN were called to trial on 3/21/60.

At that time, new motions were filed by the counsel for the defense and the district judge has not as yet ruled on the motions.

AUSA MC GAULEY further advised the defendants had requested the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to the House of Representatives to obtain the records and at the present time the prosecution is preparing to ask that the subpoenas be quashed.

AUSA MC GAULEY further advised the cases have been reset for trial in May, 1960, and exact date has not been determined.

The NYO will continue to follow this matter in compliance with Bureau instructions and keep the Bureau advised of the proceedings.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, aka.
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Re NY letter to Director, dated 4/5/60, captioned as above.

On 6/6/60, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of US vs. MARTIN CYARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN were called to trial on 6/6/60, and by consent of defendants and the prosecution the cases were adjourned to 6/30/60.

Mr. MC GAULEY advised the court had ruled that Mr. FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR., Counsellor for HCUA, would have to answer a subpoena to testify for the defendants and at the present time, Mr. TAVENNER had not recovered from a heart attack and was physically unable to attend the hearing.

Mr. MC GAULEY further advised the court had ruled the defendants would not be called to trial until Mr. TAVENNER was able to appear.

The NYO will continue to follow this matter in compliance with Bureau instructions and keep the Bureau advised of the proceedings.

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12/31/59

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MARTIN YARUS aka

SM-C

(OO: NEW YORK)

was ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 10/30/59, captioned "MARTIN YARUS aka; SM-C".

On 12/11/59, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of US vs MARTIN YARUS, US vs PETER SEEGER and US vs ELLIOT SULLIVAN, have not as yet been called to trial. No specific date for hearing has been set, and Mr. MC GAULEY expects the cases to be called to trial in January, 1960.

Mr. MC GAULEY further advised there has been no change since the information he furnished on 10/21/59, as reported in Relet.

NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised in accordance with the existing instructions.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, aka.

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Re NY letter to Bureau, dated 8/7/59,
captioned, "MARTIN YARUS, aka.; SM - C; (OO: NY)".

On 10/21/59, SA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY
advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of
US vs. MARTIN YARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER, and US
vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN, ~~have been~~ called to trial on
10/15/59, at which time a Bill of Particulars had
been furnished to the attorneys for MARTIN YARUS
and ELLIOT SULLIVAN.

Mr. MC GAULEY advised that the Bill of
Particulars had not been served to the attorney
of PETER SEEGER.

Mr. MC GAULEY further advised that MARTIN
YARUS ~~was now~~ represented by HOWARD B. BOUDIN, 25
Broad Street, NYC.

According to Mr. MC GAULEY, the attorney
for PETER SEEGER, on 10/15/59, asked for a recess for
the trial, however, the recess was not allowed, but
a substitute date for hearing was set at 10/26/59.

Mr. MC GAULEY stated the case now appears
on the court calendar for 10/26/59, however, it would
not necessarily go to trial on that date, but would
possibly go to trial within the next 30 days.

The NYO will continue to follow this
matter in compliance with Bureau instructions, and
keep the Bureau advised of the proceedings.

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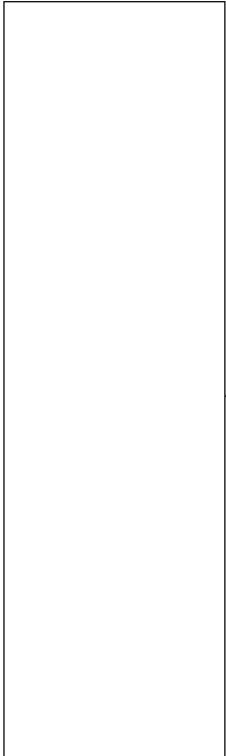
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Contacting Special Agent

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New York report of SA JOHN LEE GILL dated 6/13/66.
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 New York letter to Bureau dated 8/29/66.
 WFO letter to Bureau dated 12/5/66.
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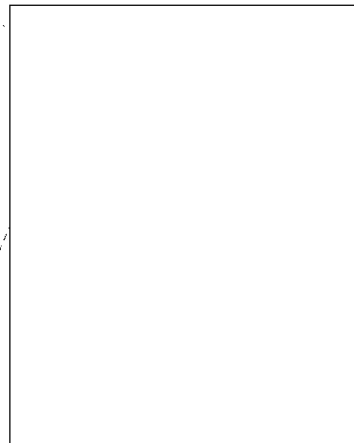
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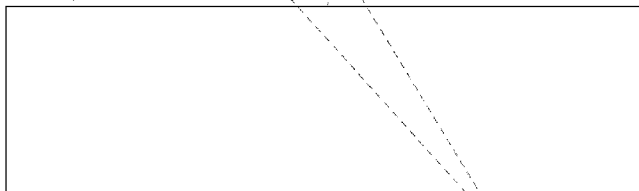


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3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
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Date photograph was taken _____.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified "Confidential" because
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7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and because of his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview the subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because
(state reason) on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that in his opinion, Mother Bloor, in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP. (NY report SA WILLIAM I. MC MURRAY, Jr., 2/19/48) On 4/30/53, former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified SEEGER as
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 26, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845
NYfile 100-83801

Director

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available

☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Report of: LYNN E. MC CREDY Office: New York, New York
Date:

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Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis: Subject resides Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self employed as banjo player and folk singer. Informants advised subject appeared at affair of CSJMS and "National Guardian" Picnic. Subject's travel abroad set out.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUND

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)

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The CSJMS will be referred to in the appendix attached hereto.

On June 27, 1966, NY T-2 advised that a memorial meeting on the 13th anniversary of the ROSENBERG execution was held on June 17, 1966, at the Hotel Sheraton-Atlantic, New York, New York. This meeting was sponsored by the CSJMS. According to NY T-2, the subject attended this meeting and sang several songs of freedom and protests against war. NY T-2 stated that SEEGER commented that his reason for being present was more than just entertainment, that he was there because he wanted to help in getting freedom for MORTON SOBELL, and to remember the courage of the ROSENBERGs.

On June 18, 1966, NY T-3 also advised that SEEGER performed at the above-mentioned memorial meeting sponsored by the CSJMS.

"National Guardian"

"The National Guardian" will be referred to in the appendix attached.

On August 29, 1966, NY T-4 made available a leaflet issued by the "National Guardian", 197 East 4th Street, New York, New York. This leaflet announced that the Ninth Annual "National Guardian" picnic would be held on September 17, 1966, at Arrow Park, New York. The article noted that SEEGER would perform at this picnic.

On September 17, 1966, NY T-5 advised that a picnic, sponsored by the "National Guardian" was held on September 17, 1966, at Arrow Park, Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York. NY T-5 stated that the subject was at this picnic and entertained those present with a variety of folk songs.

W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA)

The DCA will be referred to in the appendix attached hereto.

On July 7, 1966, NY T-6 advised that the subject's name and address was on a mailing list maintained at the

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headquarters of the DCA, located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. NY T-6 did not know the significance of this mailing list.

Miscellaneous Activities

In May, 1966, NY T-7 advised that on May 5, 1966, the subject had registered for courses in Russian at the Berlitz School of Languages, New York, New York. The course consisted of 100 lessons.

"The New York Times", issue of July 8, 1966, carried an article captioned "L.I. School's Ban on Seeger Concert is Ruled Unconstitutional". The article stated in part that the New York State Court of Appeals ruled in effect that it was unconstitutional for a Long Island school board to have barred SEEGER from giving a concert last March in a high school auditorium. SEEGER was to have given a concert in a high school in East Meadow, Long Island, New York. The school board involved, Union Free District Number 3, in Nassau County, had given its permission for the concert in June, 1965. However, in December, 1965, the board reversed itself and withdrew its permission for the SEEGER performance on the ground that SEEGER had recently given a concert in Moscow and that some of the songs he sings are critical of American policy in Vietnam. The East Meadow Community Concerts Association, who had sponsored the performance, called the school board's action unconstitutional and went to court. The State Supreme Court dismissed the contention of unconstitutionality.

On August 26, 1966, NY T-8 advised that the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee sponsored a meeting to protest the House Un-American Activities hearings. The meeting was held in the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York, New York, on August 25, 1966. According to NY T-8, the subject was called upon to entertain at this meeting.

On August 29, 1966, NY T-9 also advised that the subject performed at a meeting sponsored by the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee which was held on August 25, 1966.

On August 31, 1966, NY T-10 also advised that the subject performed at the above-described meeting held on August 25, 1966.

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On September 8, 1966 NY T-11 advised that the subject was in contact with an individual at the Tass News Agency on this date.

On September 15, 1966, NY T-11 advised that the subject had been in contact with an individual at the Tass News Agency and indicated he would be in New York City on September 20, 1966.

The Tass News Agency is the official Soviet Government news-gathering organization with headquarters in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and branches throughout the world.

On October 12, 1966, NY T-12 advised that a rally was held on October 9, 1966, at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, New York, New York. NY T-12 stated this rally was a "Salute to the Fort Hood Three" and that the subject entertained at this rally. NY T-12 stated the subject also donated \$100 towards the collections made for the defense of the Fort Hood Three.

On October 10, 1966, NY T-13 and on October 18, 1966, NY T-14 also advised that the subject entertained at the rally held at Town Hall on October 9, 1966.

On December 9, 1966, NY T-13 advised that a rally was held on the evening of December 8, 1966, at Madison Square Garden, Eighth Avenue, New York, New York. NY T-13 stated that this rally was sponsored by the National Committee and the New York Council for Sane Nuclear Policy and that the subject was one of those who entertained.

On December 12, 1966, NY T-15 and on December 13, 1966, NY T-16 also advised that the subject entertained at the above described rally held on December 8, 1966.

(12) "The New York Times", issue of January 31, 1967, carried an article captioned "Seeger Concert Upheld in Court". The article stated in part that a suit to block SEEGER from giving a concert on February 2, 1967, in a Yorktown Heights, New York, school was dismissed by a New York State Supreme Court Justice. The article continued that eight residents of Yorktown Heights had asked for an injunction barring the concert because of SEEGER's reported associations with Communist causes.

(13) "The New York World Journal Tribune", issue of February 3, 1967, carried an article captioned "Folk Singer Seeger Wins Yorktown Heights Battle". The article stated in part that SEEGER performed on the evening of February 2, 1967, at the Yorktown Heights High School and that the expected protest against his appearance never materialized. The article continued that SEEGER performed without pay and the proceeds would benefit the American Field Service, described as an organization that sponsors high school student exchanges with foreign countries.

On February 23, 1967, NY T-17 advised that a "Teach-In" to protest American policy in Vietnam was held on February 17, 1967, at the California State College, Fullerton, California. According to NY T-17, a special tape recording by SEEGER was scheduled to be played.

"The Evening News", Beacon, New York, issue of March 9, 1967, carried an article captioned "Seeger Concert Picketed". The article stated in part that about 300 pickets marched outside as SEEGER performed for an audience of 1100 in a high school in East Meadow, Long Island, New York, on the evening of March 8, 1967. The article continued that the performance was originally scheduled for March 12, 1966, but was cancelled by the East Meadow School District Board.

On April 24, 1967, NY T-18 advised that a rally was held on March 21, 1967, at St. Marks Methodist Church, 137th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York. NY T-18 stated that the rally concerned conditions in South Africa and that SEEGER performed at the rally.

III. FOREIGN TRAVEL

On April 12, 1966, NY T-19 advised that the subject gave a concert on the evening of April 5, 1966, at San Carlos Academy in Mexico City, Mexico. NY T-19 stated that the concert was attended by approximately 500 persons, including many of the associates of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM). In his program, SEEGER sang several songs, according to NY T-19, "of a progressive nature", including one against the war in Vietnam.

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According to NY T-19, the ACGM is a loose association of a predominantly social nature of present and/or past members of the CP, USA, and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for the international Communist movement.

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On June 21, 1966, NY T-19 advised that he learned from MARY and ~~CEDRIC BELFRAGE~~, important associates of ACGM in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, that SEEGER and his family, while visiting in Mexico at the time of his concert, had stayed at the BELFRAGE's home in Cuernavaca.

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The Evening News, a daily newspaper published in Beacon, New York, issue of January 13, 1967, carried an article entitled "Seeger Defends Concert Given in East Berlin". The article stated that the subject had sent a letter to the editor of "The Evening News" from Paris, France, on January 7, 1967. In this letter, according to the article, SEEGER stated that he had recently appeared and performed on a television show in East Berlin, Germany, and at the end of this show had been presented with a peace medal.

SEEGER, in this letter, indicated that he had given concerts in London, Paris, and West Berlin, in addition to the one mentioned above.

In January, 1967, NY T-20, a confidential source abroad, made available a clipping from the December 28, 1966, issue of the newspaper, "Jungle Welt", published in East Berlin. The item, under a Berlin dateline, states that SEEGER, described as a folk singer and one of the founders of the progressive folk song movement in the United States, was to make a guest appearance in the Berlin Peoples Theatre, East Berlin, on January 4, 1967. He was described as an artist of the "other America", who sings about striking workers and demonstrating civil rights workers in colleges and universities, and who recently wrote a song against the senseless death of his countrymen in Vietnam.

The Foreign Affairs Bulletin, Volume 7, Number 3, dated January 25, 1967, carried an article captioned "Peace Medal for P. Seeger". This article stated that SEEGER was

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was awarded the peace medal of the Peace Council in the German Democratic Republic. "You receive this distinction as a singer and fighter for peace, justice and social progress, against suppression and racial discrimination, who is held in esteem all over the world", said the actor HANS PETER MINETTI, President member of the German Democratic Republic Peace Council and member of the World Council of Peace, on presenting the medal to SEEGER.

The article continued that SEEGER sang to packed audiences in the German Democratic Republic, and a special performance was telecast.

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In January, 1967, NY T-21, a confidential source abroad, made available information disclosing that the subject had recently contacted VICTOR GROSSMAN, 102 Berlin, Karl Marx Allee 49, German Democratic Republic, and enclosed replies to questions concerning his recent visit to East Berlin. These questions with his responses were purported to be an interview with him and would appear in a publication of East Germany.

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Regarding VICTOR GROSSMAN, who is also known as STEPHEN WECHSLER, entered the United States Army in 1951, and defected to East Germany in 1952. He is employed by the East Germans as a propagandist.

In March, 1967, NY T-21, a confidential source abroad, advised that SEEGER had communicated with GROSSMAN in East Berlin, and thanked him for the translations of two reviews that apparently GROSSMAN had done. The subject also commented that he had anticipated some of the attacks which would be made on him for singing in East Berlin and that he had come through better than he had expected.

On November 30, 1966, the subject's passport file was reviewed at the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., by SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr. A review of subject's passport, Number D 453486, issued to subject on June 17, 1963, reflects the following travel by SEEGER:

Australian visa issued at New York City, July 23, 1963
Arrived Fiji Islands, August 30, 1963
Arrived Sydney, August 31, 1963
Departed Canberra, September 12, 1963

Indonesian visa issued at Sydney, September 18, 1963
Arrived Kemajoran, September 24, 1963
Departed Kemajoran, October 5, 1963
Arrived Hong Kong, October 5, 1963
Japanese visa issued at Hong Kong, October 7, 1963
Arrived Haneda, October 8, 1963
Departed Haneda, November 26, 1963
Indian visa issued at Tokyo, November 1, 1963
Arrived Calcutta, November 26, 1963
at New Delhi, December 5, 1963
Departed Bombay, December 10, 1963
British visa for Kenya issued at New York City,
August 2, 1963
In Kenya, December 10, 1963
Departed Nairobi, December 24, 1963
Arrived Nigeria, December 25, 1963
In Nigeria, December 28, 1963
Departed Nigeria, January 3, 1964
Visa for Ghana issued at Lagos, December 30, 1963
Arrived Ghana, January 3, 1964
Departed Accra, January 11, 1964
United Arab Republic visa issued at New York City,
August 7, 1963 (no indication whether used)
In an Arab country January 20, 1964 (departure stamp
illegible)
Arrived Dover, England, February 17, 1964
Departed Harwich, March 2, 1964
Arrived The Netherlands, March 3, 1964
Arrived Denmark, March 11, 1964
Departed Denmark, March 16, 1964
Czechoslovak visa issued at London, February 25, 1964
Arrived Prague, March 18, 1964
Departed Prague, March 30, 1964
Polish visa issued at London, February 26, 1964
Arrived Poland, March 30, 1964
In Warsaw, March 31, 1964
Departed Poland, April 8, 1964
Soviet visa issued February 20, 1964 (possibly issued
in London)
Arrived Moscow, April 8, 1964
Departed Moscow, May 7, 1964
Arrived London, May 7, 1964
Departed London, June 2, 1964

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Arrived New York City, June 2, 1964
(Passport contains South African visa issued at
New York City August 7, 1963, and visa for New
Zealand issued at New York City, August 9, 1963,
no indication whether used)
In Paris, September 25, 1965
Departed Paris, September 28, 1965
Arrived London, September 28, 1965
Departed London, October 4, 1965
In Paris, October 25, 1965
Departed Paris, October 29, 1965
Arrived London, October 29, 1965
Departed Prestwick, November 7, 1965
Arrived New York City, November 7, 1965

Arrived New York City April 12, 1966. No 1966 travel
control stamps were noted in the passport but a
staple was affixed to the top of the page containing
the Soviet visa previously issued to him, as indi-
cated above.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Other informants, familiar with certain phases of
CP activity in the New York City and area, were contacted in
May, 1967, and shown a photograph of the subject but none could
provide any additional information concerning the subject.

APPENDIX

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COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1966, the name "Committee To Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on August 18, 1966, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965, identities of those serving on the NEC has varied; however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of July, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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New York report of SA JOHN LEE GILL dated 6/13/66.
 Legat, Mexico letter and LHM to Bureau dated 7/29/66.
 New York letter to Bureau dated 8/29/66.
 WFO letter to Bureau dated 12/5/66.
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2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken _____.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified "**Confidential**" because
(state reason) **it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-21, the disclosure of which might reveal their identities and impair future effectiveness which could be injurious to the national defense effort.**
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) **he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and because of his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview the subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau.**
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/26/67

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Reference Bonn letter 4/11/67.

Dated	Recd.	Addressee	Addressor
5/3/67	5/15/67	VICTOR GROSSMAN 102 Berlin Karl-Marx-Allee 49 GDR	PETE SEEGER Box 431 Beacon, N.Y. 12508

Subject mentions that his sister, PEGGY, can now be reached at 35 Stanley Avenue, Beckenham, Kent, England. His contacts with addressee (Bufile 100-359527) are known to Bureau but enclosed may be of interest regarding subject's activities. He says recent parade

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 1) in New York was "absolutely marvelous" and comments (1 - Liaison Section) on present Negro attitude to the song "We Shall Overcome" to SW, PL
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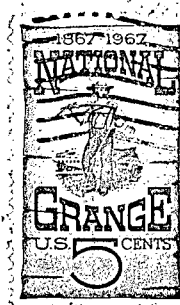
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

May 3, 1967

Dear Victor,

Many. many thanks for your letter. I hope you are all well and out of the hospital now.

My sister, Peggy, can be reached at 35 Stanley Avenue, Beckenham, Kent, England.

I know how busy you are so I can't ask too much, but I would be interested in hearing the various arguments which are going on today in the DDR, both pro and con American jazz, American folksong, and specifically the song "We Shall Overcome". You probably know that many militant Negroes now do not like to sing the song because they feel it is too passive and they don't like forever saying that word "someday". That word has been said for 2000 years to persuade working people not to better their conditions now. And it is very interesting that when the song is sung, they always make a point of putting in the verses "Black and white together NOW", and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "We are not afraid today". Furthermore after singing the song, quite often they will have a shouted cheer. One person will say "What do we want?" and the crowd shouts back "Freedom", then "When do we want it?" Answer: "Now!". "Who do we want it for?" Answer: "All of us!". And these three questions will be asked over and over until the crowd answers them back at ~~an~~ top volume.

The parade in New York was absolutely marvelous. It would have been even better had there been some one place where everybody could congregate but unfortunately there is no ~~big~~ big open square in NYC and only a fraction of the crowd heard the speeches or the songs. Incidentally, the very best singing was sung by three Sioux Indians, singing their own national anthem."

All for now,

Best wishes to you and the family,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
May 29, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 100-200845
NYfile 100-83801

SUBJECT: ⁰ PETER SEEGER

REFERENCE: NY REPORT 6/13/66

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-200845)

DATE: 5/29/67

FROM : SAC, New York (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Mrs. John E. Sullivan
Rural Delivery Box 377
Lower Maple Street
Hudson Falls, New York 12839

Wm. V. Sullivan

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

Your letter dated April 3rd has been received. I appreciate the concern you feel regarding communism, and I want to thank you for making your views known. The FBI is unable, however, to help you in connection with the incident you described.

Enclosed are publications which I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (3)

Deadly Duel

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Director's Statement Re 18th National Convention, CP, USA

NOTE: One prior letter dated 6-6-60 was received from Mrs. Sullivan in which she brought information to our attention which she believed was of security interest. She also questioned a certain publication. Bureau letter 6-14-60 informed her we do not make evaluations concerning publications. (105-10091-134) Pete Seeger is a Security Index subject of the New York Office. (100-200845)

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April 3, 1967

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

My dear sir:

I am so perturbed at the trend of events today
that I am writing to you in sheer desperation.

Pete Seeger, the folk singer, was asked to perform locally for a charity organization recently in a neighboring town. A few of us protested by phone and telegram, etc. because of Mr. Seeger's communist background. According to several annual reports of the H. C. U. A. , Seeger has been cited as a communist, cited for contempt of Congress and has belonged to many communist fronts. Other activities have included the writing of anti-American songs and the establishment of a record company whose records have been used to demoralize school children. Now American Legion members went to the local library and said they found no information about Mr. Seeger which indicates he is a communist. The local newspaper printed a tremendous article on his appearance here at the concert and went so far as to say and I quote, "Two hours later he left the same stage a hero to the more than 800 fans who displayed their approval with a standing ovation for the entertainer." I had written a letter of protest to the paper which they chose not to print, which of course is their prerogative. However, to make Mr. Seeger out to be a hero, while at the very moment two of our real heroes, two American boys, were lying dead, the victims of the so-called cold war in Viet Nam, was more than I could stomach.

V. Sullivan
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These two boys were from our area and I did not read one word in the same paper which spoke so highly of Pete Seeger, about their heroism.

I shall ask you the same questions which I asked in my letter to the paper - "What has happened to our respect for decency? What has happened to our righteous indignation? Why are the real heroes either ignored or maligned? Why are communists exonerated of all their faults?

Mr. Hoover, I am sick, sick, sick of decent human beings who stand up for America being pushed into the mud, while the forces of evil and all their immorality and degeneration are made to look like the "good guys." What is happening to our wonderful country? I shudder to think. We who speak out against evil are called all sorts of unkind names and at times I feel utterly helpless.

Most sincerely,

/s/

(Mrs) John E. Sullivan

ADDRESS PER ENVELOPE:

V. Sullivan
Lower Maple St.
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Most sincerely,
(Miss) John E. Sullivan

March 23, 1967

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Mr. Gordon S. Williams
24 Irving Avenue
Granville, New York 12832

Dear Mr. Williams:

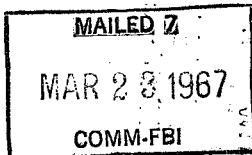
Your letter dated March 19th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in FBI files is confidential, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have data concerning the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is on the Security Index. He is subject of Bufile 100-200845.

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24 Irving Avenue
Granville, New York
March 19, 1967

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A service organization in our small town in Upper New York State is sponsoring a concert by a Mr. Pete Seeger, Folk Singer. Mr. Seeger is apparently a negro in his late forties. I have no other identification.

It has been rumored that this man is a communist, has been associated with communist front organizations, and attacks the youth of the country through "protest songs".

Would you please forward to the writer any information you may have regarding Mr. Seeger. It will be a matter of great interest to all civic minded citizens of this and neighboring communities. Your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Gordon S. Williams

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Memorandum

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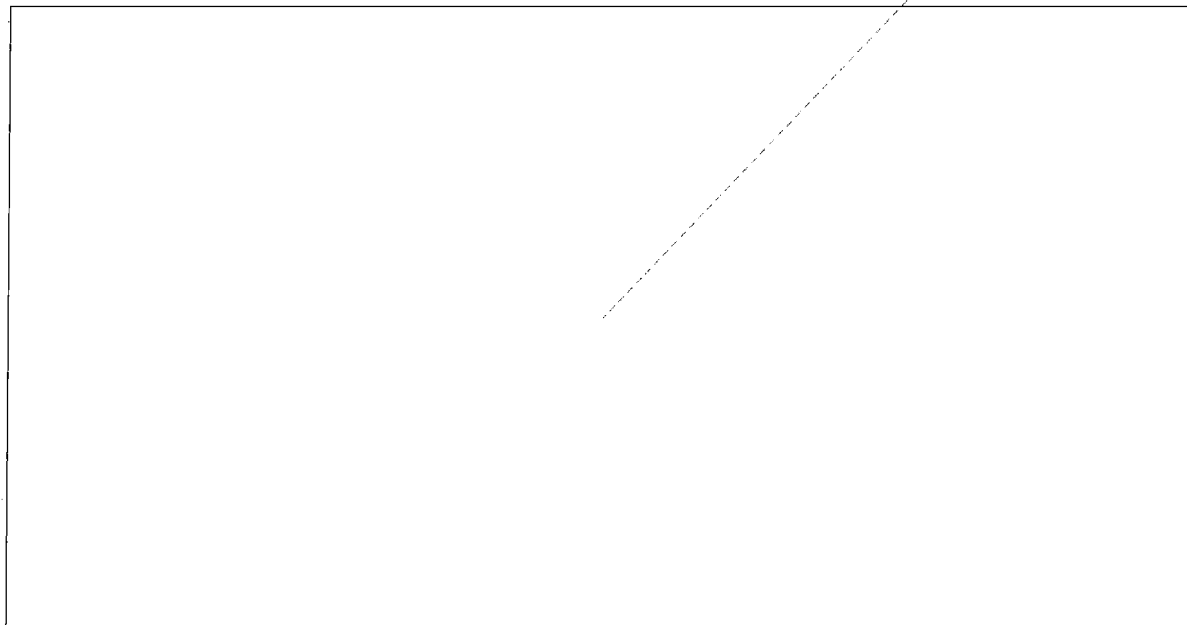
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FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Reference Bonnlet to Bureau 2-8-67.



Dated	Recd.
2-14-67	2-27-67

Addressee

Addressor

Victor Grossman
Deutsch Akademie der
Kunste zu Berlin
104 Berlin, Robert
Koch Platz 7
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(Peter Seeger)

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This is a thank you note to addressee in which subject refers to "battles since coming home," but he says he anticipated some of the attacks which would be made on him for singing in East Berlin and has come through better than he had expected.

The reference to Paul Robeson apparently concerns a current project of addressee's with reference to Robeson material which he is gathering.

Subject is not sure he can be in East Germany again in April 1968 since "the main job to be done is right here in the lair of the monster."

The P.S. appears to be from subject's wife.

~~TOSH X SEEGER~~
~~MRS. PETER X SEEGER~~
Box 431, Beacon, N.Y.

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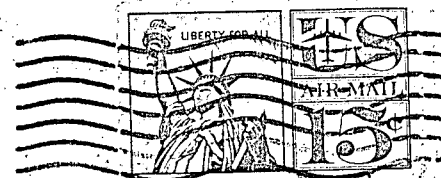
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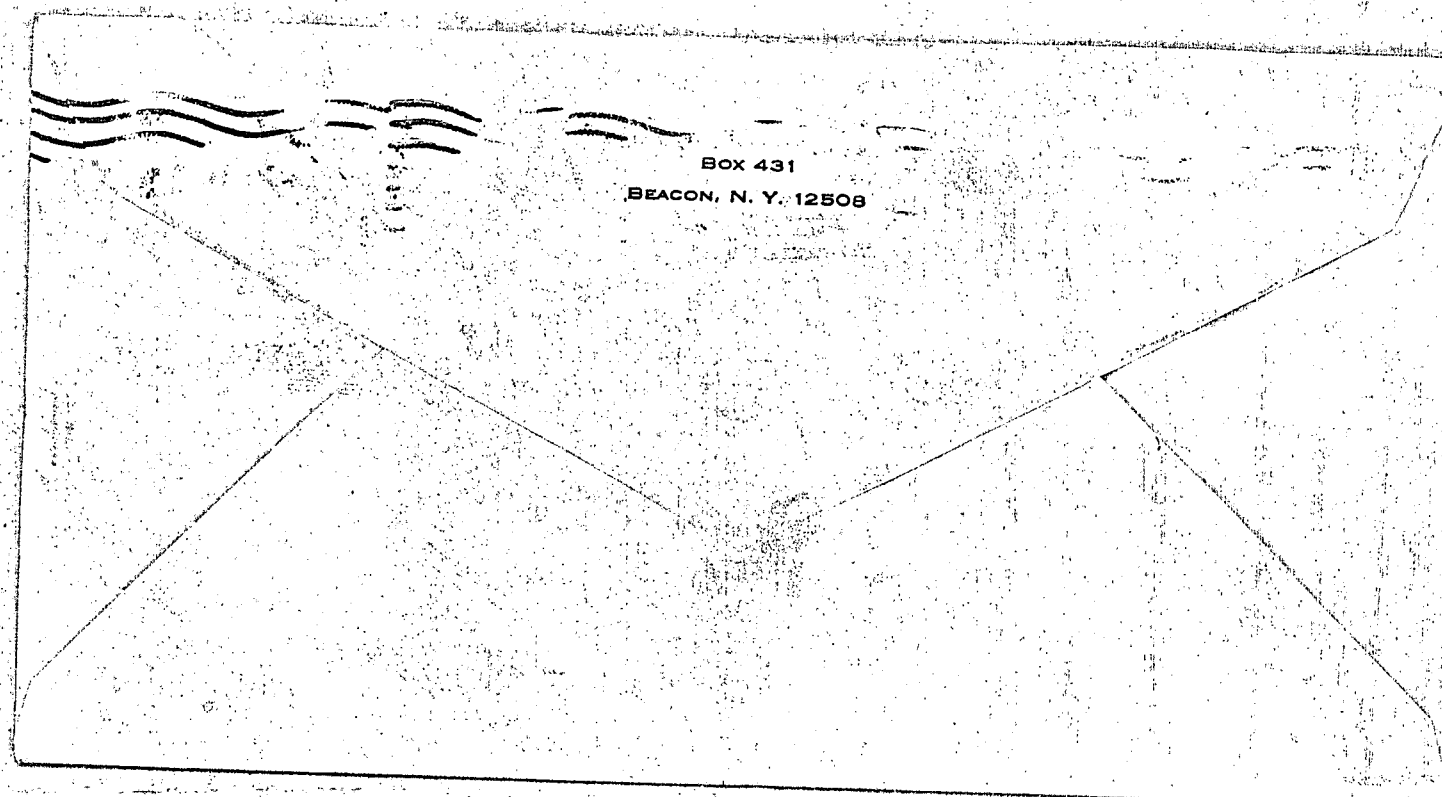
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

February 14, 1967

Dear Victor,

Just a note of thanks for your letter and a special thanks for taking the trouble to translate those two reviews. We have all ready been in one or two battles since coming home, however, by tackling in a forthright way and anticipating some of the attacks that would be made on me for singing in East Berlin, we have actually come through better than we expected.

As to the song book, by all means don't restrict it just to the songs which I sang. You ought to get some of Tom Paxton's songs, Malvina Reynolds etc.

Under separate cover I am going to send you a tape recording about Paul Robeson. You had better not count on me for April 9th '68. Even though it is a 'long way off we are just not sure what is going to happen and we feel increasingly that we had better not tie ourselves down to promises to tour in other countries, since, after all, the main job to be done is right here in the lair of the monster.

The only material about Paul Robeson we know about which you may not, is the little movie made of him by Victor Gorchov. I will also enclose as many addresses as we can get from your list.

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Things are getting busy here and it promises to
be an exciting year.

Best,

Pete
Pete

A ps from Toshi:

I have all packed and ready to mail four packages..

one each of records and books for you and for Perry.

Probably take a few months but be on the look out.

I will off and on send things that you can pass on

or share. Haven't done the photo's yet but if there

are any you want me to send etc. do send the names

and addresses. There's a nice full faced one of you

to delight a mothers heart (or wife.. I'll send it

among. someday). Also thanks for turning over Peter's

monies that we were not allowed to bring out of the

country. Seems silly to earn.... but Harold Leventhal

(our agent) has to set a precedent for other performers

who do need it and have time to use it! Use it as

you wish .. things do get complicated with red tape

don't they? We should have been able to get movie

equipment etc. on our own ^{with it} but it was not possible

this time..

Our very best to the family,

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 3/2/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-26365) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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(OO:NY)

During the course of another investigation Mr. FRANCIS J. MC NAMARA, Staff Director, HCUA, on 2/2/67 made available to SA JAMES E. GREEN, JR., information which HCUA furnishes to any Congressman concerning public information available in HCUA files concerning SEEGER.

Two copies each of this memorandum are enclosed for the Bureau and New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Reference Bonnlet to Bureau 1-16-67.

Dated	Recd.	Addressee	Addressor
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The writer of this letter, one WALTRAUD MATZKE from Verlag Zeit im Bild in East Berlin, welcomes subject as a representative of the "peace-loving American people in our Republic" and to congratulate him on receipt of the Peace Medal. The additional purpose of the letter is to request subject to answer some questions which were apparently purported to be a first person interview with subject and will appear in "GDR Review."

Subject has replied to the questions in the spaces provided in the letter from MATZKE. He has enclosed this with a short note to VICTOR GROSSMAN asking GROSSMAN to get the material to the right people. Subject's letter is enclosed in an envelope of the Cumberland Hotel in London and is postmarked in Paris on January 9.

VICTOR GROSSMAN is an aka of STEPHEN WECHSLER, a former SI subject of the Buffalo Office. WECHSLER entered the United States Army in 1951 and defected to East Germany in 1952. He is employed by the East Germans as a propagandist.

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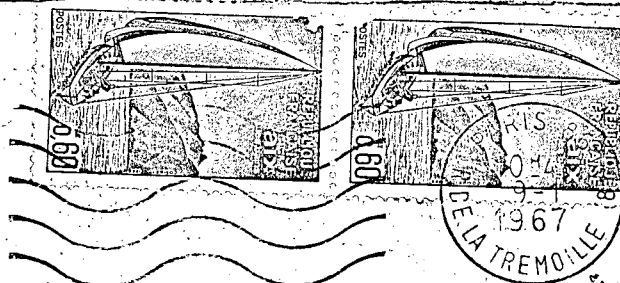
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HOTEL Marble Arch London W.1

Ambassador 1234

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Dear Vic -
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these to the right people?
Thanks!
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Pete

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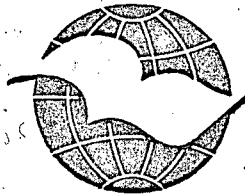
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Mr.
Pete Seeger

c/o Hotel "Unter den Linden"
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Ma.

4.1.1967

Dear Mr. Seeger,

Allow me please to welcome you as a representative of the peace-loving American people in our Republic and to offer you my congratulations on receiving the Peace Medal.

By the way, may I ask you a favour? In GDR Review, a magazine which is distributed in the USA and Great Britain, too, we would like to publish a small report on your visit here in our capital. Would you be kind enough to answer some questions?

As I'm quite sure that it would not be possible to meet you during your stay here in Berlin I would be very grateful if you would give these answers to Mr. Victor Grossman.

With many thanks in advance,

Yours sincerely,

Waltraud Matzke
Waltraud Matzke *Germany*

PS: Enclosed you will find a copy of GDR Review (on page 36 a small report on the Bach Festival held last year). Mr. Grossman told me that you are very interested in this subject.

And now our questions:

How did your audience respond?

Did you have the chance to meet young people here and what were your impressions?

*You know?
it did!*
*I was ~~here~~ in East Berlin too
short a time. Next time I hope to
stay longer. The young people I met were
full of life, and aware of the whole
world - they have been making up songs,
too, as have young people elsewhere. Good songs!*

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INTERVIEW for "SIGNAL", the magazine of the
Free German Youth (FDJ) of West Berlin

Pete Seeger, you are known all over the world as a singer of folk songs and "protest" songs. You are also known as a leading singer of other political and trade union songs. The readers of "Signal" would be grateful if you would answer the following questions:

1. This was your first visit to West Berlin - you have just had a concert there at the Schaubühne am Halleschen Ufer. How was the audience? Did you get the impression that the young people of West Berlin are also enthusiastic about protest (topical) songs?

The West Berlin audience was arranged much more hastily, the hall was small (600) but it was full, and the audience ^{was enthusiastic}, mostly members of the socialist youth group, sang well — on many of the same songs that East Berliners joined in on. I purposely sang much the same program. Of course, Wednesday night's audience at the Volksbühne was quite phenomenal.

2. Both words and music of many folk songs are on quite a high level; yet many millions of young people love them and sing them. Why?

Great art doesn't have to be abstruse. Of course, even simple folk songs ^{can} have many layers of meaning, and some of them one does not discover right away. ^{Why not?}

3. On the basis of your first very short experience, do you think the young people in the USA are more enthusiastic about folk songs than the young people of West Berlin?

I can't ~~answer~~ answer this question after such a brief visit.

4. You have often sung the songs of the Lincoln Brigade in Spain. They are still being sung today; do you think they will always remain popular?

A good song that tells a true story will probably be loved for many centuries — because it's art still relates to people's lives

Interview for Signal

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5. Is there any chance that folk-music will ~~survive~~ live longer than rock-n-roll?

Probably real folk music will.
Probably imitation folk music will not.
(I think)

6. Can young people do more than they are now against the war in Vietnam?

Of course, we can always do more. The problem is to find out how -

7. What are your hopes and wishes for 1967? *Peace*

8. Do you like to sing "Vietnam songs"?

I look forward to the day when there will be other subjects to sing about

Thank you, Pete Seeger.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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(OO: NEW YORK)

DATE: JAN 25 1967

CC TO: *Internal Revenue*
REQ. REC'D *2/3/71*
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ANS.
BY: *BUH Dep*

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Enclosed herewith are the original and six copies of an LHM pertaining to subject's recent travel abroad.

The pretext of 9/30/65, referred to in enclosed LHM, was conducted by SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY to the Harold Leventhal Agency, attempting to book the subject.

The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" because it contains information furnished by five sources which, if this were revealed, might tend to reveal their identities and impair future effectiveness which would be injurious to the national defense effort.

The article in "The Evening News", issue of 1/13/67, indicated subject was planning to give a concert on 2/2/67, in Yorktown, NY.

The following sources were utilized in attached memorandum.

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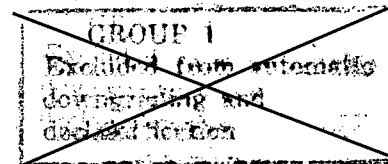
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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summaries dated 5/7/64 and 12/27/68 filed as serials 121 and 194, respectively)

Main File No: 100-200845

Date: April 20, 1976

Subject: Peter Seeger

Date Searched: 4/1/75

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2:

Also searched as Peter Seger. See page 17 in summary.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in
this reference which pertains to
Peter Seeger can be found in
the main file or elsewhere in this
summary. This information may have
been received from a different source.

ACIF.....Artists Committee for Irish Freedom

NAIF.....National Association for Irish Freedom

NMC.....New Mobilization Committee to End the
War in Vietnam

SCEF.....Southern Conference Educational Fund,
Inc.

RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship and biographical data of Peter Seeger, folk singer, were set forth in the main files of his relatives, as follows:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Mika Seeger	Daughter	105-183924-11 ep.5,6 -12 p.3 -14 ep.1 -21 ep.1 -32 p.1	(11,15) (15) (15) (15) (11,15)
Toshi Aline Seeger	Spouse FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	105-226676-2 p.1,2	(16)

[redacted] advised that a conference was held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on 4/1-6/68. The theme of this conference was "Man and Society in the Scientific and Technological Revolution." Shingo Shibata (105-25822) spent most of his time at the meeting spreading progaganda against US involvement in Vietnam and stated that he was affiliated with an organization called the Alice Herz Peace Fund (AHPF) of Tokyo, Japan. He had with him a letter which explained the function of the AHPF. It also stated that Peter Seeger had supported this organization.

Letter enclosed
105-25822-8 ep.3
(14)

The records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 212 West Washington Street, Chicago, Ill., revealed long distance service calls that had been billed to the NMC, Room 315, 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, telephone number 939-2666, since February, 1968, when the telephone service was instituted. Included among these calls was a call from Tom Hayden (not identified) to Pete Seeger, telephone number 914 831-6828, in Beacon, NY, on 5/22/68.

176-1410-217 p.32
(12)

On 11/21/68, Mrs. Lefa Stambaugh, Montpelier, Ohio, furnished a song book that her granddaughter brought home from church. Stambaugh stated that "By the looks of it and the name of the publisher we feel sure it is compiled by the Communist organization, and we also know that this Walther League* is a great sponsor of Pete Seeger the well known Communist Singer. We value your opinion on this book as we do not want our Children taught Communist songs."

On 11/27/68 the Bureau returned the hymnbook and acknowledged the letter of Mrs. Stambaugh.

100-0-39239 p.1; outg. p.1
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*an association within the Lutheran Church

[] advised that at the office of the Southern Californians to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (SCAHUAC) (100-387548), Los Angeles, Calif., on 1/13/69, a meeting was arranged between representatives of the SCAHUAC, the Peace Action Council (PAC), the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights (LACDBR) and other groups to discuss plans for a fund raising benefit featuring folk singer Pete Seeger.

This serial revealed that the LACDBR was a militant organization seeking to safeguard the rights of all individuals and the PAC was a coordinating agency for peace activists.

Add. info.

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100-387548-503 p.12,15
(5)

On 1/29/69 [] advised that Pete Seeger, a folk singer, who had been giving a series of benefit performances for the CP newspaper "The Daily World", would appear in Gary, Ind., at a fund raising benefit on 2/6/69, sponsored by the Humanist Society of Indiana University at the Indiana University Auditorium. Neil Betten (100-455089) had announced that he planned to give a house party for Seeger and other close friends.

On 3/4/69 [] advised that approximately eight CP members attended the Seeger "Festival" which was regarded by the CP members as a "smashing success," and profits from this concert were devoted to the remedial student program at Indiana University Northwest Extension, Gary, Ind., in which Betten was involved.

100-455089-1 ep.3,4
(6)

On 6/17/69 the NYC Transit Authority PD, Brooklyn, NY, furnished a combination diary and address book, the property of Barbara Webster, 339 Lafayette St., NYC, secretary for David Tyre Dellinger (100-384411). This book was found wedged between two seat cushions on a BMT LL Train. Among the items contained in the address book was the following: Pete Seeger, (914) 831-0720.

100-384411-319 p.7

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[redacted] advised that on 10/13/69 an NMC (62-111181) meeting was held in NYC to plan a demonstration which was to be held in the vicinity of the New York Hilton Hotel on 10/29/69. It was decided that at this meeting awards would be given by demonstrators to Peter Seeger and others. The demonstration was being sponsored by various groups including anti-war and communist infiltrated or dominated organizations.

SAs advised that on 10/20/69 a demonstration was held at the New York Hilton Hotel, NYC. Counter awards were presented in absentia to Peter Seeger and others.

62-111181-3679 p.31,32

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SI 105-138315-34-222 ep.1,3

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John J. Cooleen, 4901 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Va., an attorney with the firm of King and Nordlinger, 419 Southern Building, WDC, advised that Dominic O. Behan (97-5272) was in WDC during the Vietnam Moratorium, 11/14-15/69. Behan attempted to get a place on the speaker's platform at the Washington Monument area on 11/15/69, but was unsuccessful. According to Cooleen, Behan was apparently a personal friend of Pete Seeger, the folk singer, who assisted Behan in his effort to get permission to speak on 11/15/69. (No further details)

97-5272-9 p.C

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On 2/8/70 an SA went to a public gathering at the University of New Mexico, where John Radford Froines (176-356) gave a speech. In his speech, Froines presented his version of the events leading up to the trial of the "Chicago Eight", the evidence presented against them, and his observations of some of the defendants. Leaflets were passed out to the audience prior to and after the speech. One of the leaflets

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was captioned "Committee to Defend the Conspiracy", a committee to defend the "Chicago Eight." Pete Seeger was listed as being on this Committee. The "Chicago Eight" were eight individuals on trial in Chicago, Ill., for allegedly conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic convention.

176-356-55 p.33

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On 4/22/70 and 5/13/70 [] furnished information on different individuals. Source stated that Richard and Ethel Stein resided at Croton-On-Hudson, NY. Richard was an architect and his wife, Ethel, was engaged in sculpture and manufacturing puppets. The Steins were regarded as a very liberal family in the community and recalled that Mrs. Stein was involved with such organizations as the Women's Strike for Peace and was always circulating petitions or attempting to obtain signatures for one cause or another. The Steins were close friends of folk singer, Pete Seeger.

105-75879-75 p.3

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The following references on Pete Seeger appear in the main file of Arie-Shalom Bober. The Committee on New Alternatives in the Middle East (CNAME), 145 E. 16th St., NYC, announced on 3/19/70 that it was sponsoring a speaking tour of the US, during April and May, for Bober, a young Israeli Jew who was a leading spokesman for the Israeli Socialist Organization (ISO). The ISO was a joint Jewish-Arab organization committed to the struggle for a socialist, united Middle East, freed of all imperialism and colonialism, in which all peoples enjoy full national rights. Seeger was one of the sponsors of CNAME. As of 6/9/70 Bober was still in WDC. His trip was financed by CNAME, which, according to Bober, was formed by individuals like Seeger.

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105-204301-4 ep.3,18
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On 8/20/70 the NYO advised that records of the New York Telephone Company made available by Rudolph J. Posch, Security Supervisor, New York Telephone Company, revealed that Peter Seeger, Dutchess Junction, Box 431, Beacon, NY, was the subscriber to telephone number 914-831-0720.

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65-70108-54 p.1

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Correlator's Note: Further review of above file revealed toll call records for March, for the residence of Donald Walter Duncan (65-70108), at 15461 Del Gado Drive, Sherman Oaks, Calif., (telephone number 213-783-7669, listed under the name of Harold J. Smith). On 3/8/70 a call was placed from Duncan's telephone to 914-831-0720 in Beacon, NY.

In a letter dated 10/9/70 Mrs. Howard J. Smith, 2720 Coventry Lane, NW, Canton, Ohio, requested the affiliations of Pete Seegar. This request was in connection with church groups such as the last American Lutherans, for their young peoples convention, having used him for entertainment.

A reply to Mrs. Smith was dated 10/16/70.

100-0-41722 p.1; outg. p.1

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Ted Freedman, B'nai B'rith, Houston, Tex., furnished a letter from the Committee to Defend the Panthers, Box 628, NYC. The letter which was signed by Ossie Davis, (not identified), and Dick Gregory, (not identified), was postmarked 10/22/70 at NYC. In the margin of the letter Pete Seeger was listed as a sponsor.

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105-165706-19-169 ep.2

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On 12/1/70 [redacted] furnished copies of documents found in the possession of Jerry Clyde Rubin (176-59) and Stewart Edward Albert (not identified). Among these articles was an address book which contained the following:
Pete Seeger, 914 831-0720

176-59-149 ep.7

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Beverly Anne Carroll Hearne (105-184649) furnished a list of people she met in Cuba from July 1968 to May 1971. On her list was Luis Turmo, a Cuban who lived in Florida but defected back to Cuba just before the Bay of Pigs. Hearne was told that Turmo was one of the men responsible for telling them about the invasion. Turmo lived in Havana, loved American folk songs and was the first to meet Pete Seeger when Seeger went to Cuba the previous year.

105-184649-47 ep.14

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The Louisville, Ky., Office furnished information regarding the New York office of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (100-10355) report of Lenore Hogan, among other staff reports to the 11/13/70 Board of Director's meeting which revealed that a direct mailing to 50,000 new names of a letter signed by Pete Seeger was scheduled to go out on 5/1/71. (No further information)

100-10355-1327 p.60

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The 4/28/71 issue of "The Times Union", Rochester, NY, carried an article which stated that Pete Seeger, the folk singer, and Eqbal Ahmad, a Pakistani who was one of the defendants in the alleged plot to kidnap Henry Kissinger and blow up government buildings, were scheduled to appear there on 5/12/71 to raise money for the defense. Seeger would give a concert and might also perform at a school. Seeger and Ahmad planned to visit Buffalo and Syracuse. Their upstate appearances were being arranged by Dr. George McVey of Brighton, a dentist who, with his wife, had been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury in Harrisburg, Pa., investigating the alleged plot.

100-460495-3822 p.3

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SI 100-460495-3179 p.2

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On 5/28/71 advised Horace Chandler Davis (100-360195) would attend an annual meeting of the Marion Davis Scholarship Fund (not identified) on 6/27/71 in Sandwich, Mass. Pete Seeger (believed identical to Bureau file 100-200845) of 200 West 57 Street, NYC, Room No. 1304, was contacted by Davis and agreed to support the work of this fund by signing a letter for the fund's annual appeal.

100-360195-211 ep.1

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The 8/21/71 issue of the "Irish Echo", NYC weekly newspaper, carried an article captioned "Demonstrations Planned." This article stated that throughout the US, American Irish Organizations had been holding pickets, rallies and demonstrations protesting British policy in Northern Ireland. On 8/21/71 the NAIF was scheduled to hold a unity rally, in NYC, to support the oppressed people of Northern Ireland. Folk singer Pete Seeger pledged the support of the ACIF to the rally.

105-212344-11 ep.2

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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Motion Picture-Radio-Television Industries" pertain to the activities of Pete Seeger, folk singer who was prominent in the field of recordings, radio and television, from 12/25/67 to 9/25/71 in California, New York and Cuba. Seeger, who was known as a CP member in 1947-1949, appeared on numerous television shows and radio programs and entertained at an Angela Davis Day Rally in NYC, which was sponsored by the Angela Davis Local Defense Fund, NYC. Seeger in substance dwelled on topics involving peace, over-population of the earth, poverty, civil rights, ecology and exploitation of the birth of Christ for Christmas.

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100-340922-511 p.3,6,7,17,18
-512 p.B,43-45
-516 p.27-29
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On 4/20/71 [] furnished two envelopes with enclosures received through the mail on that date. Both letters were postmarked at NYC. Envelope bearing no exterior return address contained a printed letter from Jane Fonda, actress; Garry Goodrow (not identified); and Dick Gregory, comedian, author, lecturer; on stationery with the letterhead of US Servicemen's Fund (USSF) (62-112287), 94 School Street, Cambridge, Mass. Also, a list of USSF sponsors were on the letterhead which included the name of Pete Seeger. The letter constituted a solicitation of funds for USSF work. The second envelope bore the return address of Anti-War Chest, 32 West 22 Street, NY. This envelope contained a printed letter from Jane Spock (not identified) and Ossie Davis, author, playwright, and was a solicitation for contributions to Burchett Anti-War Chest, sponsored by Wilfred Burchett 60th Birthday Committee, NYC, in association with "The Guardian."

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Seeger, folk singer, was listed as being on this Birthday Committee.

This serial revealed that "The Guardian", took a strong left position.

62-112287-351 ep.5,14

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SI 65-62160-76 ep.5,18

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The 1/8/72 issue of the "Irish Echo", NYC weekly newspaper, carried an article captioned "Benefit Night of Song and Dance", subtitled "In Support of The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association", sponsored by the Brooklyn supporters of the National Association for Irish Freedom (105-212344). The benefit was scheduled to be held on 1/15/72 in Brooklyn. Pete Seeger was listed as a co-sponsor of this event.

105-212344-25 ep.5

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The 8/21/71 issue of the "Irish Echo", a weekly newspaper published at NYC, carried an item stating that folk singer Pete Seeger had pledged the support of the ACIF to the NAIF-sponsored Unity Rally held on 8/21/71.

The 1/22/72 issue of "Irish Echo", NYC, announced protest rallies sponsored by the NAIF, scheduled for 1/22-23/72 to protest the appearances of a unit of Scots Guard Regiment at Felt Forum, Madison Square Garden, NYC. The Scots Guard Regiment was described as a British Army unit that had just completed a tour of active service in Northern Ireland where it allegedly engaged in terrorist activities against the Irish people in minority ghetto areas. Seeger was listed as a co-sponsor of the protest rallies.

97-5338-4 ep.3

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105-193285-100 ep.8

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On 1/26/72 Rudolph J. Posch, Security Supervisor, New York Telephone Company, 140 West Street, NYC, advised that Guthrie Children Trust, Tiparm Music, Inc., Pete Seeger, etc., 200 West 57th Street, NYC.,

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was subscriber to telephone number 212-586-6553.

157-15071-46 p.3

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Correlator's Note: According to serial 32 of above file a [] call was made on 4/22/71 to the above mentioned telephone number in NYC from telephone number 213-278-0191, which was registered to Donald Sutherland (157-15071).

[] advised that HO Li-liang (105-246516) invited Pete Seeger and his wife to a reception for the Chinese ping-pong on 4/21/72 in NYC. Seeger advised that he was not sure he could make it but would try.

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105-246516-2 ep.5,6

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On 11/21/72 Sharon A. McLaughlin, 11 Fales St., Hartford, Conn., advised that Dr. Norton M. Mezvinsky, teacher at Central Connecticut State College, New Britain, Conn., helped to conceive the publication "Know" in March 1972, when he asked McLaughlin to do the "ground work" in setting up this publication. At the time she furnished this information McLaughlin was still working for "Know", a bi-monthly news service providing expert translations from Israel's Hebrew press of articles about aspects of Israeli life and policies not generally known or available in the US and other countries. Among articles furnished by McLaughlin was a copy of the mailing list of individuals and organizational representatives to issue number 3 of "Know". On this list appeared the name and address of Peter Seeger, Box 431, Beacon, New York, 12508.

105-214009-28 ep.34

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[] furnished a letter from Earl Robinson (100-5578), 3937 Bledsoe Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif., addressed to Edith Anderson, 1017 Berlin, East, Koppenstrasse 31, German Democratic Republic, postmarked 5/1/73. In this letter Robinson stated that things seemed to be progressing fairly well for "the October visit" but he desired an American or a German friend who spoke English and had the time to keep him posted on what was happening. He asked if Anderson knew Victor Grossman (aka Stephen Wechsler, 100-359527) whose name was suggested to him by Pete Seeger.

100-5578-149 p.1; ep.3

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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Party of Spain" pertain to the crackdown in Seville of communist activities. Fourteen CP members were arrested and propaganda material confiscated. A copy of a letter apparently from the Committee of the United States of America for the Ten of Carabanchel, which was opined as demonstrating that there was a connection between the CP of Spain and communists in the US, was enclosed which indicated that if enough attention could be attracted, Pete Seeger and other prominent Americans could be added to the list of individuals who might declare aid for the ten of Carabanchel in their struggle against the Fascist regime of General Franco.

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64-200-237-785 ep.3
-786 ep.3,4

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The following references are meetings and affairs of the CP and CP infiltrated and/or radical and anti-Vietnam war organizations or groups listed below at which Peter Seeger, renowned folk singer, appeared or was scheduled to appear as an entertainer and spoke where indicated.

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5/9/71	San Francisco, Calif.	100-52250-67 p.2	(4)
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American Civil Liberties Union

1/30/70 (scheduled)	Pittsburgh, Pa.	77-107312-19	(3)
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Artists Committee For Irish Freedom(97-5338) and National Association For Irish Freedom (105-212344)

4/12/71	NYC	97-5275-83 ep.25,48-51, 53, 54*	(3)
		97-5338-3 ep.3,4,6*	(3)
		105-212344-4 ep.10,12,13	(24)

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Coalition to Defend the Panthers

10/15/70 (spoke)	New Haven,, <u>Conn.</u>	105-165706-32-1671 p.2	(15)
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Concerned Community for Peace

4/17/71 (scheduled)	Woodbury, Conn.	100-460495-3683 p.B,4,6	(7)
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Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee

4/15/70 (spoke)	NYC	100-457655-433 ep.12,32;33*	(7)
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Group '68 (100-453650)

aka "Americans in Britain for United States withdrawal from Vietnam"

2/12/70 or 2/22/70(scheduled)	London, England	100-453650-4 ep.1	(6)
		100-453747-24 ep.1	(6)
		100-457112-1 ep.1	(6)

Hudson Institute Vigil Committee (100-455177)

9/27/69	Croton, NY	100-455177-3 p.1	(20)
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Los Angeles Committee for the Defense of the Bill of Rights

5/18/69	Los Angeles, Calif.	100-44777-125 p.2,3	(3)
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May 4 Memorial Service Committee

5/4/71	Kent, <u>Ohio</u>	62-112228-11-292 ep.3,4	(19)
		100-463195-1105 ep.25-27*	(8)

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National Peace Action Coalition (100-460998)

11/6/71 (spoke)	Philadelphia, <u>Pa.</u>	100-460998-488 ep.2	(7)
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National Peace Action Coalition and The People's Coalition for Peace and Justice

4/24/71 (spoke)	<u>WDC</u>	100-463195-810 p.2 -986 ep.4	(20) (20)
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NMC (62-111181)

4/27/68	NYC	62-112081-337 ep.12,14,22*	(2)
11/15/69	WDC	62-111181-2738 p.1; ep.1 -3065 p.2 -3569 ep.3	(1) (1) (19)

Oleo Strut, Incorporated, Coffee House

5/15/71	Killeen, <u>Tex.</u>	62-112287-353 p.1 -355	(2) (19)
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Pan American Association for the Festival of the New World

9/1-4/72 (scheduled)	Raisin City, Calif.	100-416859-16 ep.4	(5)
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Peace Action Council

5/18/69 (scheduled)	Los Angeles, Calif.	100-376150-48 p.54 100-447766-18	(4) (6)
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Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee (100-481591)

10/27/74	NYC	100-439922-A "Daily World" 10/29/74 p.3	(5)
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<u>Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee (100-481591)</u>			
10/27/74	NYC	100-481591-2 p.1; outg. p.1	(8)
		105-267329-2 ep.2	(11)
<u>Quaker Action Group (100-446453)</u>			
7/5/70	Baltimore, Md.	100-446453-223X2 ep.2	(5)
<u>Southern Californians to Abolish the House Un-American Activities (100-387548)</u>			
5/13/69	Los Angeles, Calif.	100-387548-503 p.12,15*	(5)
<u>Southern Christian Leadership Conference</u>			
6/19/68	WDC	157-8428-2619 ep.2	(12)
		-A "The Evening Star" 6/19/68	(12)
<u>Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.</u>			
3/9/68	New Orleans, La.	100-446537-14 p.8,15	(5)
<u>SCEF's Grass Roots Organizing Work</u>			
3/9/68	New Orleans, La.	100-10355-1236 p.57	(13)
<u>The Defense Committee and Catholic Peace Fellowship</u>			
8/12/70	NYC	25-572981-307 Photograph	(19)
		p.1; Encl.	
		-310 p.2	(19)
<u>The "Guardian" (100-357044)</u>			
12/5/68	NYC	100-357044-857 p.1; ep.1	(4)
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<u>Vietnam Moratorium Committee (100-454565)</u>			
10/15/69	Newburgh, NY	100-443374-83 p.2	(5)
		100-454565-501 ep.15	(14)
<u>Women Strike For Peace (62-107350)</u>			
5/18/69	Los Angeles, Calif.	62-107350-1312 p.8	(1)
<u>World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students</u>			
7/28/73-8/5/73 (scheduled)	East Berlin, Germany	140-42361-10 p.3-5*	(12, 16)
<u>World Youth Festival (100-471933)</u>			
9/9/73	Monroe, NY	100-471933-A "Daily Worker" 8/23/73	(8)
		100-478738-1 ep.5	(20)
<u>No Sponsor</u>			
3/11/68	San Antonio, Tex.	100-373040-23 p.12*	(4)
5/30/68	WDC	157-8428-A "The Washington Post Times Herald" 5/31/68	(12)
3/23/69	South Bend, <u>Ind.</u>	100-448423-15 p.10	(6)
2/3-6/70 (scheduled to speak)	WDC	100-447724-211 p.2	(5)
12/12/70 (scheduled)	Spring Lake, N.C.	100-452962-94 ep.6, 12	(6)
12/20/72	Danbury, Conn.	100-474122-22 p.2	(14)
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The 12/19/74 issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article captioned "Pete For Dr. Jackson enlists more backers." This article revealed that sponsors of the 60th birthday celebration for Dr. James Jackson, national education director of the CP, reported growing support from political, trade union and community leaders around the country. The celebration, which would also mark the publication of Jackson's new book, "Revolutionary Tracings," would be held at the New York Hilton on 12/29/74. Among those who had initially sponsored the celebration was Pete Seeger.

100-47736-A "Daily World"
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100-470033-18 ep.8	(8)
105-7-210-5710 ep.93	(14)
105-195696-440 ep.15	(26)
-453 ep.29	(26)
105-222905-X	(11)
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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Although the information is the same it may have been received from different sources.

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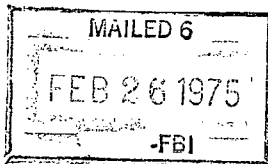
Mr. ~~Stuart~~ Monshine
State University of New York
at Binghamton, Box 8671
Binghamton, New York 13901

Dear Mr. Monshine:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 14th.

To furnish information from our files concerning Pete Seeger without his prior authorization would constitute an invasion of his personal privacy. However, if you can obtain a notarized authorization from Mr. Seeger for disclosure of any available information we may have on him, further consideration will then be given to your request, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please do not infer, however, that we have the material you desire.

This Bureau maintains no listing of available data on any individual, and the so-called "raw files" are not available for review by a member of the public. Material which is furnished in response to a specific request under the Freedom of Information Act is edited in accordance with the provisions of the Act prior to being made public. Also, a prescribed fee may be charged for searching and duplicating.



Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI-REPLIES)

NOTE: One Stuart Seymour Monshine, apparently a student, believed to have home address of 590 Davis Street, Babylon, New York, was arrested in Jerusalem on 2/28/71 for smoking and possession of hashish according to information received from State Department (12-0-7589). Peter Seeger is the subject of a SM-C investigation closed 11/10/72. There are also references on him (100-200845).

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S.C.N.Y. at Binghamton
Binghamton, N.Y. 13901
February 14, 1975

Mr. Clarence Kelly
Director of the F.B.I.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelly,

I am presently working on a Political Science thesis for the State University of New York at Binghamton. The thesis concerns the organization, "People's Songs", and its relationship with HUAC and anti-communism. Since this directly involves Pete Seeger, the folk singer, I am respectfully requesting access to any and all F.B.I. files which is entitled to me under the Freedom of Information Act.

Since all of your files may not be useful to me for the purposes of my thesis, I would appreciate your sending me an annotated listing of any material you have concerning Pete Seeger in your files. If this is not possible, please forward to me the procedures by which I may inspect the said records.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stuart Monshine
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 11/10/72

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-C
(OO:NY)

ReWFOlet to NY, 9/29/72; and NYrep of SA LYNN
E. MC CREDY, dated 4/21/72.

Subject currently resides at Box 431, Beacon,
NY, and is employed as a banjo and guitar player.

On 11/7/72, MAURICE KEATING, Postmaster,
Beacon, NY, advised that he has seen the subject in
the community within the last week, and does not
believe he is currently in a travel status.

Re WFO letter indicated, from a review of
Passport files, that subject had been in North Vietnam
in March, 1972. Inasmuch as this information has been
previously reported, no further investigation is
contemplated at this time and the matter is being
placed in a closed status.

NY routing slip dated 4/13/73
advised file reviewed and subject does
not meet ADEX criteria, SAC Memo 21-72.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/29/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
IS - CH
(OO:NY)

Re Bureau 0-7 dated 7/18/72 forwarding to WFO Legat, Hong Kong letter dated 5/24/72, copies of which were also furnished to New York.

SC BETTY SUE LEWIS reviewed the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), on 9/25/72 and determined that the file regarding above-captioned individual contains the following additional information since last reviewed and furnished in WFO letter and LHM dated 2/26/71 to Bureau and New York:

PETER SEEGER was issued Passport Number Z-1057737 on 11/18/69 at the American Embassy, London, England. He indicated in his application dated 11/18/69, before the American Vice Consul, London, England, he intended to return to the United States within one month to reside. This passport was valid for five years travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam. By operation of law effective 3/15/71, the restriction against travel to mainland China was lifted.

This individual listed his permanent residence as Box 431, Beacon, New York 12508, and his present residence as Cumberland Hotel, London (England). He listed his father's residence as 125 Hart Street, Santa Monica, California, and

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his mother's residence as 2976 Southwest 16th Terrace, Miami, Florida 33145. The American Embassy made the notation on this passport application that "Mr. SEEGER is today applying for a new passport because he has grown a beard and his present passport bears a photo of him clean shaven. This came about when he applied for a visa to visit Russia and the Consul at the Russian Embassy refused to issue a visa until he had a new passport with a photograph reflecting his newly grown beard." Attached to this passport application is an affidavit signed by PETER SEEGER dated 11/18/69, before the American Vice Consul, London, England, swearing "I wish to get a visa to the USSR, and the London Consulate of that country says they cannot accept the old photograph (1968) before I grew a beard."

Copies of this individual's photograph as appearing on his 1969 passport application will be forwarded to New York via routing slip when processed.

His passport file contains a communication from the American Embassy, Vientiane, to the Department of State dated 3/22/72, which stated the following:

Mrs. Peter Seeger - Viet Viet
"1. Well-known folk singer PETE SEEGER, wife and 17 year old daughter arrived in Vientiane from Hanoi 22 March on ICC Flight. Embassy Officer contacted party in airport transit lounge and enjoyed affable 15-minute conversation which unfortunately developed no PW information of interest.

"2. SEEGER claimed family had been invited and sponsored by NVN Musicians Union on what he described as a strictly cultural visit. He stated that he performed in three private concerts, spoke on the radio three times and attended 20 concerts by NVN artists.

"3. After Embassy Officer described his interest in flow of mail to and from U.S. PWs by only channel NVN have provided, SEEGER indicated what appeared to be genuine regret

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that they had neither brought any mail in nor asked to take some out. They stated their only contacts were with musicians; therefore, subject of prisoners never arose. They did mention seeing other Americans: SEYMOUR HERSH, the Trade Union group, and one AL HUBBARD (not further identified) who may be another folk-singer type."

IF ANY OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPH, IS DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU, THE SOURCE MUST BE CHANGED TO "UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT" RECORDS. THE ACTUAL SOURCE MUST THEN BE SHOWN ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE AS THE PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Determine whether further investigation warranted under guidelines set forth in Section 105-G, Manual of Instructions.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

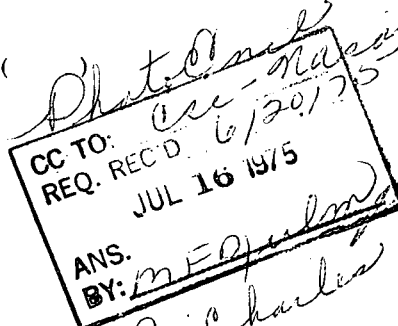
DATE: 5/24/72

FROM : LEGAT, HONG KONG ()

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
IS - CH
(HONfile 105-7784) (RUC)

TOSHI-ALINE SEEGER
IS - CH
(HONfile 105-7785) (RUC)

Reference:



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Remarks: Subject PETER SEEGER was born 5/3/19 in U. S. and is holder of U. S. Passport No. Z1057737 issued 11/18/69 in London. He arrived Hong Kong by air, date unknown.

Subject TOSHI-ALINE SEEGER was born 7/1/22 in Germany and is holder of U. S. Passport No. C368132 issued 2/15/72 in New York. She arrived Hong Kong by air on an unknown date.

Subjects were traveling with their daughter, VIRGINIA STEWART SEEGER, born [redacted], traveling on U. S. Passport No. C373121 issued 2/22/72 in New York.

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Enclosed are four copies of an article dated 4/13/72, relating to PETER SEEGER, which appeared in "Ta Kung Pao," a Chinese Communist newspaper printed in both the Chinese and English languages in Hong Kong.

LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Check records of Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, for pertinent background information re subjects and forward to appropriate office of origin.

Peter Seeger brings home Chinese gongs

Among the many things Peter Seeger, one of America's top folk song singer, brought back from his two-and-a-half week tour to China were two Chinese gongs.

'Nowhere else in the world is there a gong like this,' said Seeger as he demonstrated to reporters interviewing him in a hotel lobby. 'In the old Peking opera, this is one of the characteristic punctuation marks,' he said. 'It has a great quality of humour in it.'

China not forgetting own music

While in China, the Seegers—he travelled with his wife and daughter—visited Peking, Shanghai and Kwangchow.

'I am glad China is not forgetting its own traditional music. I have heard many wonderful melodies,' he said. To convince the reporters, he hummed a theme song from the 'White-Haired Girl'. Then he said, half seriously, 'Had Tchaikovsky heard that, he would have used it for a symphony . . . That's one of the world's greatest melody. I think it is an old Chinese folk tune which is adopted for the ballet,' he said.

Another thing which interested Seeger is the attempt made by the

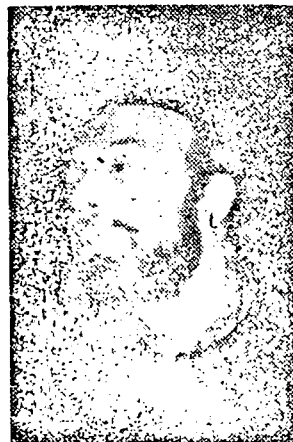
Chinese people to combine Chinese traditional music with Western music.

Magnificent synthesis

'The head of the Central Philharmonic Society in Peking, Mr Li Teh-lin, is surely one of the world's great musicians. He is trying one of the difficult things in the world, to make a good combination of two different traditions. I heard a magnificent symphony arrangement of 'Shachia-pang' of a chorus of 80 voices, and an orchestra of 80 instrumentalists, with a gong, er-wu, and pi-pa integrated with European-style symphonic music. This is very difficult.'

Having pointed out that he had seen this kind of blending done badly, he went on to say that Li Teh-lin, 'working with many others, made a, I believe, magnificent synthesis.'

While in China, Seeger met about 200 musicians and cultural workers. 'They were interested in learning something about America music,' he said. 'But I had to caution them that I'm only one musician. That



Peter Seeger

it is just like seven blind men and the elephant. They'll just get my side of the story. Then I told them all I knew. I sat with them for several hours, singing songs of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and many others.'

What he will write

Asked if he would write something about his trip, he said he would, particularly about one chemical factory, though he is not a chemist. When asked why, he explained: 'This is a big factory that manufactured chemicals for industrial use. In the manufacture of rayon they used caustic soda. When it first set up, it was polluting the water and the air. They made a by-product, some chemical in some process, I don't know. And it cost them a thousand US dollars per ton to make it, because they can't sell it for as high a price as it cost to make it. They do it nevertheless. Because they don't want to get the water any dirtier and the air any dirtier.'

The Seegers said that they wanted to come back to China again when they had saved enough money.

"TA KUNG PAO"

Hong Kong, B.C.C.

April 13, 1972

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/24/72

FROM : LEGAT, HONG KONG () ()

PETER SEEGER

SUBJECT: IS - CH
(HONfile 105-7784) (RUC)

TOSHI-ALINE SEEGER

IS - CH
(HONfile 105-7785) (RUC)

Reference:

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Check records of Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, for pertinent background information re subjects and forward to appropriate office of origin.

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RE: **PETER SEEGER**
SM-C

Date **7-18-72**

☐ For information Retention ☐ optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Re. Hong Kong letter 5-24-72, copies enclosed each recipient. For information WFO, Peter Seeger is an ADEX III subject of NYO.

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Pete Seeger

a guest star

--in Peking

American folk singer Pete Seeger is pluckin' his guitar and singing his songs in Peking, The Advertiser learned yesterday.

This word on 52-year-old Seeger comes from his manager, Harold Leventhal, who is stopping over here enroute from Hong Kong to New York.

Leventhal, scheduled to leave Honolulu this morning with his wife, Natalie, said yesterday that Seeger is probably the first major American musician to be invited to visit and perform in the People's Republic of China.

"HE'S BEEN THERE at least six days now, but I haven't been in touch with him since I left Hong Kong on the 24th (of March)," Leventhal said.

Leventhal said Seeger called him from Peking March 24 "to tell me where he's staying," the Peking Hotel.

"He was invited there as a guest of the government, and I don't know how long he'll be there. Maybe 10 days. I don't know. He didn't even know when he called me in Hong Kong," Leventhal said.



SEEGER

cc to NY (copy)

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Date: 4/3/72
Edition: FINAL
Author:
Editor: GEORGE CHAPLIN
Title: PETER SEEGER

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der and leader of the original Weavers — the singing group often credited with starting the folk music trend in the United States in the '50s.

He has more than 50 long-play records on file, and has written several world-famous folk songs, notably "If I Had a Hammer," "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine," "Where Have All The Flowers Gone" and "Waist Deep in the Big Muddy."

Politically, Seeger was an activist before many of today's campus radicals were born.

In 1950, Seeger, known to be a leftist folk singer, was blacklisted by commercial television and not allowed to appear on a network TV program for more than 17 years. He was one of the "victims" of the 1950's McCarthy period.

MORE THAN 10 years after being blacklisted by television, Seeger was convicted (in 1961) of 10 counts of contempt of Congress for refusing in 1955 to answer questions of the House Un-American Activities Committee. The following year the conviction was reversed.

Seeger, who plays guitar and banjo, is one of several musicians managed by Leventhal. Others include Judy Collins, Arlo Guthrie and Alan Arkin.

"Pete's popularity," Leventhal said, "is greater than it's ever been; and the demands for him are greater than they've ever been."

"The only difficulty is the impossibility of satisfying all the requests for him to sing."

Seeger was invited to visit China, Leventhal said, as a follow up ("I worked it out on my own") to a concert tour of North Vietnam last month. The tour, centered in Hanoi, was sponsored by the North Vietnamese musicians union.

"HE (SEEGER) played for schools, factories and so forth," Leventhal said. "He was in North Vietnam for 10 days."

In February, Seeger was reported to be in Havana, where he held a jam session with North Vietnamese students. According to a Cuban radio report, he was there to meet with the Cuban Committee of Solidarity with Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Seeger traveled to Hanoi by way of Paris and Moscow, Leventhal said. "That's the only way you can get there," he added.

How ever Seeger got to Hanoi and Peking, they are only two of scores of countries in which he's sung his now-classic folk songs.

SEEGER, WHO lives in New York City, is the foun-

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/8/72

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

ReNYlet and LHM, dated 4/21/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and six copies of an LHM pertaining to SEEGER's travel to China.

Copy to ROM(2), SS, SI, CIA

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date 5-18-72

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
May 8, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to memorandum, dated April 21, 1972, concerning captioned individual.

"The Washington Post Times Herald", a newspaper published daily in Washington, D.C., issue of April 1, 1972, page A-15, carried an article captioned "Seeger, in China, Sees Culture Gap". The article was datelined Peking, China, dated March 31, 1972, and stated that Seeger was visiting China for about two weeks as part of an around the world trip which he was taking. The article indicated that he had already visited North Vietnam on this trip. He was not performing while in China, but had met with representatives of the musicians union and advised the official Radio Peking on some planned programs of American music.

"The Evening News", a daily newspaper published in Beacon, New York, issue of April 19, 1972, carried an article captioned "China Visit Proves Book: Seeger". The article stated that Seeger and his wife had just returned from a trip around the world. It continued that while in Hong Kong, on April 12, 1972, Seeger was given a copy of the book entitled "China! Inside the Peoples Republic".

The article continued that within the last month, while on his trip, he spent two and a half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) weeks in China and that his experiences there generally bore out what the book said.

Seeger indicated that he and his wife were back residing at home in Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

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To: ☒ FBI Headquarters
☐ FBI Field Division, _____

From: Civil Service Commission, Wash. D.C.

Regarding FBI ☒ report ☐ memorandum dated (month, day, year)
April 21, 1971 at (city, state) New York, New York
concerning (title - not necessary if file number is shown) _____

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REFERENCE

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The following informants were contacted in February and March, 1972, but could provide no additional information concerning the subject:

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will await Bureau's decision regarding subject's inclusion in Adex 4.

NY 100-83801

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken March, 1967
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. ☒ This report is classified Secret because
(state reason)

it contains information from NY T-12 which is so classified.

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7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

subject occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and any attempt to interview him could possibly cause embarrassment to the Bureau.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
of his association with CP affiliated groups as late as September, 1971.

10. ☒ Subject's ADEX card is tabbed Category ☐ I ☐ II ☐ III ☒ IV
☐ Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because (state reasons)
11. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
☒ Submitted 4/21/72 (date) Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No

12. ☐ Subject is Extremist in Category I of ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with NCIC.

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New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845
NYfile 100-83801

Title Peter Seeger

Character Security Matter-C

Reference is made to New York report
of Special Agent Lynn E. McCredy, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
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information in the past.

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Subject: Peter Seeger (100-200845-229)

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-200845)

DATE: 4/7/72

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM-CCATEGORY APPROVED
NOTE CHANGE ON CARD
5-5728585/2/72
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Re: _____

Recommend: ☒ ADEX Card ☐ ADEX Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

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The following is a brief summary of the most recent subversive activity on the part of the subject, together with the source of the information. It is believed this qualifies subject for Category IV of the ADEX.

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On 2/8/72, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject was a proposed guest to the CPUSA National Convention, to be held 2/18-21/72, at NYC. It was known whether subject actually attended.

On 3/9/72, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SEEGER entertained at the 35th Anniversary dinner of the VALB, held on 2/25/72, at NY, NY.

The next report on SEEGER will be submitted by 4/30/72.

*ADDENDUM : Place in ADEX 3 since
LTS subject has manifested a revolutionary ideology by his regular associations with CPUSA-affiliated groups as late as 2/72. Submit next report 4/21/73. Hit appropriate tickler.*



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U/PW FOR SIEVERTS

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM: PETE SEEGER

1. WELL-KNOWN FOLK SINGER PETE SEEGER, WIFE AND 17 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE FROM HANOI 22 MARCH ON ICC FLIGHT. EMBOFF CONTACTED PARTY IN AIRPORT TRANSIT LOUNGE AND ENJOYED AFFABLE 15-MINUTE CONVERSATION WHICH UNFORTUNATELY DEVELOPED NO PW INFORMATION OF INTEREST.

2. SEEGER CLAIMED FAMILY HAD BEEN INVITED AND SPONSORED BY NVN MUSICIANS UNION ON WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A STRICTLY CULTURAL VISIT. HE STATED THAT HE PERFORMED IN THREE PRIVATE CONCERTS, SPOKE ON THE RADIO THREE TIMES AND ATTENDED 20 CONCERTS BY NVN ARTISTS.

3. AFTER EMBOFF DESCRIBED HIS INTEREST IN FLOW OF MAIL TO AND FROM U.S. PWS BY ONLY CHANNEL NVN HAVE PROVIDED, SEEGER'S INDICATED WHAT APPEARED TO BE GENUINE REGRET THAT THEY HAD NEITHER BROUGHT ANY MAIL IN NOR ASKED TO TAKE SOME OUT. THEY STATED THEIR ONLY CONTACTS WERE WITH MUSICIANS; THEREFORE, SUBJECT OF PRISONERS NEVER AROSE. THEY DID MENTION SEEING OTHER AMERICANS; SEYMOUR HERSH, THE TRADE

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UNION GROUP AND ONE AL HUBBARD (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED)
WHO MAY BE ANOTHER FOLK-SINGER TYPE.
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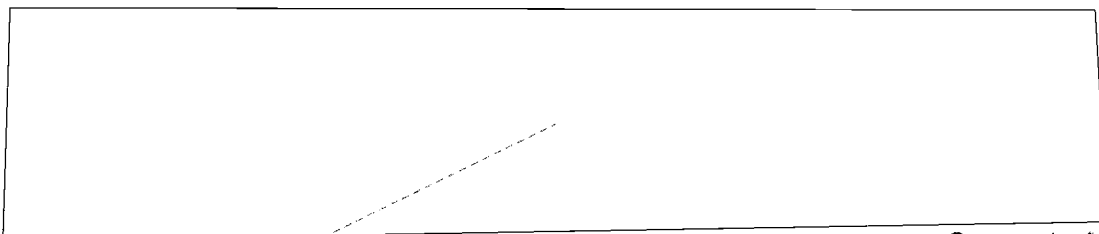
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TO : Director, FBI () DATE: 12/2/71

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-7501-1164) (RUC)

SUBJECT: IRWIN SILBER
SM - NEW LEFT
(OO: NY)

ReBONlet 11/19/71 entitled "PETER SEEGER, SM - C
(Bufile 100-200845); OO: NY."



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100-200845

From

To

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IRWIN SILBER
43 Strong Place
Brooklyn, New York

REINHARD HEINEMANN
PSF 809
1064 Berlin
German Democratic Republic

Subject acknowledges addressee's letter in great haste as he was leaving in a few hours to fly to Puerto Rico. to attend an important conference of the "Independence Movement"(MPIPR). He suggests as the "single most logical person for the Political Song Festival" his dearest friend and comrade, BARBARA DANE, who at the moment "is traveling throughout the Pacific (Japan, Okinawa, Philippines) to perform for GI organizing projects." He also suggests the following for consideration: Rev. FREDERICK DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK, "a very good black singer and song-writer;" PEPE and FLORA SANCHEZ, "excellent Puerto Rican revolutionary singers;" and, PETE SEEGER (Bufile 100-200845). He will pass addressee's letter to BARBARA (DANE) when she returns and "she will probably have additional suggestions"

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Subject further indicates he would be very much interested in participating "in this meeting also." Although not a singer, he states he has written extensively both about political song and the role of the political artist in general. BARBARA (DANE) and he have recently organized Paredon Records as a non-commercial, political record label (catalog enclosed) and also have edited together The Vietnam Songbook. He states "if the meeting will have place (as it should, I think) for theoretical and practical discussion, I think I would have a very useful contribution to make."

In conclusion, subject suggests that addressee correspond further with him at his home address since he does all his work from there and only goes to the "GUARDIAN" (Bufile 100-357044) once or twice a week.

Referenced Bonn letter enclosed a copy of a letter from PETER SEEGER to addressee REINHARD HEINEMAN suggesting that the latter contact subject which he has done, as indicated above.

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Subject: Peter Seeger (100-200845-226)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE:

11/19/71

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111)

(RUC)

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DATE OF REVIEW 11-19-91

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER

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(OO: NY)

Classified by 4080

Exempt from GDS, Category 2

Date of Declassification Indefinite

6-29-17 LED/TAP

ReBONlet 1/30/70.

From

PETE SEEGER

Box 431

Beacon, N.Y. 12508

To

REINHARD HEINEMAN

1064 Berlin (East Berlin)

PSF 809

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E. Ger.

Subject regrets that he "cannot make it" and indicates that "other U. S. singers would like to come." He urges addressee to immediately contact "Sing Out," 33 W. 60, New York City," and also especially IRWIN SILBER, The Guardian, 32 W. 22 Street, New York City.

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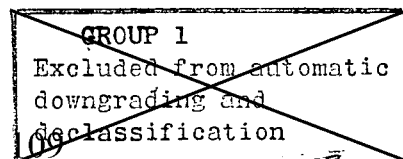
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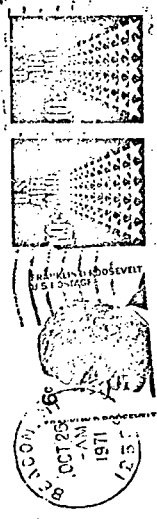
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you immediately contact Surg Out
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Regards to all
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throwaway leaflet of Spring
term 1954 by California Senior
School - leaflet enclosed

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furnished throwaway
leaflet of fall and winter
term 1954 and 1955 of
California Senior School & leaflet
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100-349190-10 p. 22

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44 p. 11, 13, 15, 19-21, 27,

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100-353390-413 p.5

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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Harvey Matusow, a witness in public hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, February 6, 1952, testified that he had been a member of the Communist Party from October 1947 to January 1951, and that he had known Peter Seeger to be a member of a Communist Party group in New York City. [Un-American Activities Among Youth Groups (Based on the Testimony of Harvey M. Matusow," February 6 and 7, 1952, pages 2208 and 2277) 2

[Note in the reference under TESTIMONY BY SEEVER, below, that Peter Seeger refused to state in public testimony whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party.]

TESTIMONY BY SEEVER

Peter Seeger was subpoenaed to testify before the Committee on Un-American Activities, August 18, 1955. When asked if he was a member of the Communist Party, he refused to answer this and numerous other questions about activities in association with cited Communist organizations. [See attachment, "Proceedings Against Peter Seeger," July 13, 1956, which contains Mr. Seeger's testimony.]

"It has been alleged that Matusow later recanted this testimony. This is not true. He did attempt to recant testimony he subsequently gave in two Federal prosecutions of Communists. In one case (Jenkins), the Court found Matusow's recantation false and, in the other (Flynn), Matusow was convicted of perjury based upon his recantation.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

- 1954 As a result of his refusal to answer questions of the committee, Mr. Seeger was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives, July 23, 1956 [See attached reproduction of "Proceedings Against Peter Seeger."]
- 1961 He was convicted by a Grand Jury in the Federal Court of New York, March 29, 1961.
- 1962 His conviction was reversed by the U.S. Court of Appeals, May 18, 1962 on the grounds of procedural errors in the trial in the lower court. [The conviction was reversed not for any error, omission or improper action by the committee in the Seeger hearing or in its citation of him for contempt, but for failure of the indictment returned by the Grand Jury to state that the subcommittee before which he testified had authority to conduct the particular hearing.]
- [Attached are reproductions of two articles dealing with the developments in this matter as follows: New York Times, March 29, 1961, page 20 and the New York Times, May 19, 1962, page 43-44]

The following is pertinent to his testimony in public hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1955.

COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANIZATION

- 1948 PEOPLE'S WORLD (C-1941;S-1955)
Sent congratulations on its 10th Anniversary [L.A. Edition, People's World, January 4, 1953, page 4]
- 1962 NEW MOMENTS FOR YOUTH (identified as a publication of the Communist Party in the F. B. I. Report for the Fiscal Year 1962)
Granted an interview to a representative of the periodical which was presented, complete and unedited, in its April-May, 1962 issue, pages 10 and 11 (reproduction of article enclosed).

GENERAL NOTES

- 1954- METROPOLITAN MUSIC SCHOOL (C-1947)
1957 To appear at concert on June 12, 1954 presented by the school, proceeds to go to the school's Scholarship Fund [Daily Worker, June 10, 1954, p. 7]
Instructor [School Catalog for 1953-1956, page 12]
Featured artist at its annual concert series, May 19, 1957, proceeds to go to the school's Scholarship Fund [Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party, May 10, 1957, page 7]
- 1956- NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (C-1944;S-1956)
1957 Furnished entertainment at its 1956 and 1957 conventions [Lawyers Guild Review, publication of the NLG, Spring 1956 issue, page 52, and the National Lawyers Guild 10th Anniversary Convention Program, February 21-24, 1957, page 11]

1957, DOMINANT CIVIL LIBERTIES ORGANIZATION (T-1954;C-1956)

1961- Scheduled to participate in its conference on January 20, 1957 [Landfill
1959 of the organization]

Accepted its invitation to attend a "Victory Celebration Reception" on
June 14, 1962 [An ad placed by the organization in the National Guardian (C-1956),
June 4, 1962, page 10; also reported in the Communist newspaper, The Worker,
on June 12, 1962, page 6]

Scheduled to participate in a concert at a theatre party arranged by the
ECLC to be held on February 21, 1963, the proceeds to place the organization's
campaign against the McCarran Law [The Worker, January 29, 1963, page 6]

1958 CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (A-1948;I-1956;S-1937)

One of a group of "lecturers and guest artists" who, in the past, appeared
at a "steady stream of important affairs" at the now closed California Labor
School [A pamphlet of the school entitled, "Can They Bid It To Speak-America,
Now They Bid It To School", May 15, 1958, page 6]

1958, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (A-1947;C-1944;I-1956)

1961, Scheduled to give a concert under the auspices of the Chicago Chapter of
1962 the organization on October 25, 1958 [National Edition of The Worker,
September 21, 1958, page 12]

Scheduled to entertain at a Rally of the organization on November 8, 1960
[Ad in The Worker, placed by the National Council..., October 30, 1960,
page 11]

Entertained at a reception given by the National Council for the Charnin
Titre on the eve of their flight back to the Soviet Union [New World
Review (I-1956;C-1958), June 1962 issue, page 4; and The Worker, May 15,
1962, page 6]

1960- NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (C-1961)

1961 Present among the 34 members of the organization who met at the Taft Hotel
on October 11, 1960 to map plans for nation-wide actions against the Committee
on Un-American Activities [The Worker, October 16, 1960, page 10]

Attended a Rally of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American
Activities on April 21, 1961 [The Worker, April 20, 1961, page 20; Interboard
of the Rally to Abolish..., dated April 21, 1961; and The Worker, April 15,
1961, page 10]

Was on the platform and sang at a rally of the organization to abolish HUAC
which also urged amnesty for Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden, convicted for
conspiracy of Congress (their convictions were upheld by the Supreme Court in
opinion handed down February 27, 1961) [Abolition, a publication of the New
York Council to Abolish..., November 1961, page inside 6; The Worker,
November 26, page 8, and December 3, 1961, page 9; and the National Guardian,
December 16, 1961, page 3]

1961, NATIONAL GUARDIAN (C-1956)

1964 Entertained at its picnic on September 16, 1961 [National Guardian, August 21,
page 6, August 22, page 5, and September 25, 1961, page 6]

Scheduled to entertain on the "Guardian Boat Ride," on June 22, 1961
[National Guardian, May 22, page 5, June 5, page 3 and June 12, 1961, page 3]

Scheduled to entertain at the annual Guardian picnic, September 19, 1964,
Hummelster [Ad, "Picnic with Kids", August 31, 1964, page 5, August 22,
page 4, August 29, page 5, September 1, page 4, September 17, page 3, and
September 19, 1964, page 5, issues of the National Guardian]

1961- WITHRAVE OF THE AMERICAN LINCOLN BRIGADE (A-1547;C-1944)

1962 Described stage of the American Lincoln Brigade which were offered for sale by the Canadian Booking Service [National Guardian, July 26, 1961, page 6]

Participated at its rally on February 15, 1961 which was also a demonstration against the Hoffman Act. The money collected was to be used in the fight against the Justice Department to keep the organization from registering as a "Communist front" as ordered by Attorney General Robert Kennedy. [The Worker, March 4, 1962, page 12; National Guardian, February 12, 1961, page 10; The Worker, February 4 and 13, 1961, pages 9 and 2 respectively, and a handbill of the organization]

1962 6th WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, HELSINKI, FINLAND (Communist dominated)

Scheduled to lead a "Folk and Jazz Concert" to raise funds for the U.S. Festival Committee on April 25, 1962, the proceeds to be used to help send representatives to the Festival. [The Worker, April 26, 1962; an ad in the National Guardian, April 16, 1962, page 11, placed by the U.S. Festival Committee]

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PETER SEEGER

July 25, 1956 - Ordered to be printed

Mr. Walter, from the Committee on Un-American Activities
submitted the following

R e p o r t

Citing Peter Seeger

The Committee on Un-American Activities, as created and authorized by the House of Representatives through the enactment of Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the 79th Congress, and under House Resolution 5 of the 84th Congress, caused to be issued a subpoena to Peter Seeger. The said subpoena directed Peter Seeger to be and appear before said Committee on Un-American Activities, or a duly authorized subcommittee thereof, of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which the Honorable Francis E. Walter is Chairman, in their chamber, room 1703, United States courthouse, Foley Square, New York City, N. Y., on August 18, 1955, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee; and not to depart without leave of said committee. The subpoena served upon Peter Seeger is set forth in words and figures as follows:

United States of America,
Congress of the United States.

To Pete Seeger, Route 9-D, Beacon, New York, Greeting:

Pursuant to lawful authority, you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of the United States, or a duly appointed subcommittee thereof, on 18 August, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at their Committee Room, 1703 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City, N. Y., then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee, and not to depart without leave of said committee.

Hereof fail not, as you will answer your default under the pains and penalties in such cases made and provided.

To United States Marshal, NYC, N.Y., to serve and return.

Given under my hand this 1st day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1955.

FRANCIS E. WALTER, Chairman

The said subpoena was duly served as appears by the return made thereon by John F. Pickett, Deputy United States Marshal, southern district of New York, who was duly authorized to serve the said subpoena. The return of the service by the said John F. Pickett, being endorsed thereon, is set forth in words and figures as follows:

Received this writ at New York, N.Y., on July 12, 1955, and on July 14, 1955, at Route 9-D, Beacon, New York, I served it on the within-named Pete Seeger by leaving the original thereof with him.

Thomas J. Lunney
U.S. Marshal, SDNY.
By: John F. Pickett,
Deputy U.S. Marshal, SDNY.

The said Peter Seeger, pursuant to said subpoena, and in compliance therewith, appeared before a duly constituted subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities on August 18, 1955, to give such testimony as required under and by virtue of Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the 79th Congress, and under House Resolution 5 of the 84th Congress. The said Peter Seeger having appeared as a witness and having been asked the questions; namely:

May I ask you whether or not the Allerton Section was a section of the Communist Party?

Did you take part in this May Day program under the auspices of the music section of the cultural division of the Communist Party?

Did you sing this particular song on the Fourth of July at Wingdale Lodge in New York?

Were you chosen by Mr. Elliott Sullivan to take part in the program on the weekend of July Fourth at Wingdale Lodge?

Did you take part in that performance?

Have you been a member of the Communist Party since 1947?

Will you examine it please and state whether or not that is a photograph of you?

It is noted that the individual mentioned is wearing a military uniform. That was in May of 1952, and the statute of limitations would have run by now as to any offense for the improper wearing of the uniform, and will you tell the committee whether or not you took part in that May Day program wearing a uniform of an American soldier?

Did you also teach at the Jefferson School of Social Science here in the city of New York?

Are you a member of the Communist Party now?

which questions were pertinent to the subject under inquiry, refused to answer said questions, and as a result of said Peter Seeger's refusal to answer the aforesaid questions, your committee was prevented from receiving testimony and information concerning a matter committed to said committee in accordance with the terms of the subpoena upon said Peter Seeger.

The record of the proceedings before the subcommittee on August 18, 1955, during which the said Peter Seeger refused to answer the aforesaid questions pertaining to the subject under inquiry, is set forth in fact as follows:

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
New York, N. Y., Thursday, August 18, 1955.

PUBLIC HEARING

A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met at 10 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 1703 of the Federal Building, Foley Square, New York, N. Y., the Honorable Francis E. Walter (chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Walter, Willis, and Scherer.

Staff members present: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., Counsel; Donald T. Appell and Frank Bonora, investigators; and Thomas W. Beale, Sr., Chief Clerk.

Chairman Walter. The Committee will be in order.

(After the completion of the testimony of several other witnesses, Mr. Peter Seeger was called as a witness.)

Chairman Walter. Will you call your next witness, Mr. Tavenner?

Mr. Tavenner. Mr. Peter Seeger, will you come forward, please sir?

Chairman Walter. Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Seeger. I do, sir.

TESTIMONY OF PETER SEEGER, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COUNSEL,
PAUL L. ROSS

Mr. Tavenner. You are Mr. Peter-Seeger?

Mr. Seeger. That is my name.

Mr. Tavenner. Will you spell your last name, please?

Mr. Seeger. S-e-e-g-e-r.

Mr. Tavenner. Will Counsel accompanying the witness please identify himself for the record?

Mr. Ross. Paul L. Ross, New York City.

Mr. Tavenner. When and where were you born, Mr. Seeger?

Mr. Seeger. I was born in New York in 1919.

Mr. Tavenner. What is your profession or occupation?

Mr. Seeger. Well, I have worked at many things, and my main profession is a student of American folklore, and I make my living as a banjo picker, sort of damming in some people's opinion.

Mr. Tavenner. Has New York been your headquarters for a considerable period of time?

Mr. Seeger. No, I lived here only rarely until I left school and after a year or two or a few years living here after World War II, I got back to the country where I always felt more at home.

Mr. Tavenner. You say that you were in the Armed Forces of the United States?

Mr. Seeger. About three and a half years.

Mr. Tavenner. Will you tell us please the period of your service?

Mr. Seeger. I went in in July 1942, and I was mustered out in December of 1945.

Mr. Tavenner. Did you attain the rank of an officer?

Mr. Seeger. No. After about a year I made Pfc, and just before I got out I got to be T-5, which is the equivalent of a corporal's rating, a long hard pull.

Mr. Tavenner. Did you become a member of the Reserves?

Mr. Seeger. No, I did not.

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Mr. Tavenner. Mr. Seeger, prior to your entry into the service in 1942, were you engaged in the practice of your profession in the area of New York?

Mr. Seeger. It is hard to call it a profession. I kind of drifted into it and I never intended to be a musician, and I am glad I am one now, and it is a very honorable profession, but when I started out actually I wanted to be a newspaperman, and when I left school----

Chairman Walter. Will you answer the question, please?

Mr. Seeger. I have to explain that it really wasn't my profession. I picked up a little change in it.

Chairman Walter. Is it your profession?

Mr. Seeger. It is my profession.

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Mr. Tavenner. The committee has information obtained in part from the Daily Worker, indicating that over a period of time, especially since December of 1945, you took part in numerous entertainment features.

I have before me a photostatic copy of the June 20, 1947 issue of the Daily Worker. In a column entitled "What's On", appears this advertisement:

Tonight--Bronx, hear Peter Seeger and his guitar, at Allerton Section housewarming.

May I ask you whether or not the Allerton Section was a section of the Communist Party?

Mr. Seeger. Sir, I refuse to answer that question whether it was a quote from the New York Times or the Vegetarian Journal.

Mr. Tavenner. I don't believe there is any more authoritative document in regard to the Communist Party than its official organ, the Daily Worker.

Mr. Scherer. He hasn't answered the question, and he merely said he wouldn't answer whether the article appeared in the New York Times or some other magazine. I ask you to direct the witness to answer the question.

Chairman Walter. I direct you to answer.

Mr. Seeger. Sir, the whole line of questioning-----

Chairman Walter. You have only been asked one question, so far.

Mr. Seeger. I am not going to answer any questions as to my associations, my philosophical or religious beliefs or my political beliefs, or how I voted in any election or any of these private affairs. I think these are very improper questions for any American to be asked, especially under such compulsion as this.

I would be very glad to tell you my life if you want to hear of it.

Mr. Tavenner. Has the witness declined to answer this specific question?

Chairman Walter. He said that he is not going to answer any questions, any names or things.

Mr. Scherer. He was directed to answer the question.

Chairman Walter. Yes.

Mr. Tavenner. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 1", for identification only.

Chairman Walter. Mark it and let it be received.

Mr. Tavenner. I have before me a photostatic copy of the April 30, 1948 issue of the Daily Worker which carries under the same title of "What's C ", and advertisement of a "May Day Rally: For Peace, Security and Democracy". The advertisement states:

Are you in a fighting mood? Then attend the May Day rally.

Expert speakers are stated to be slated for the program, and then follows a statement, "Entertainment by Pete Seeger". At the bottom appears this: "Auspices Essex County Communist Party", and at the top, "Tonight, Newark, N.J."

Did you lend your talent to the Essex County Communist Party on the occasion indicated by this article from the Daily Worker?

Mr. Seeger. Mr. Walter, I believe I have already answered this question, and the same answer.

Mr. Walter. The same answer. In other words, you mean that you decline to answer because of the reasons stated before?

Mr. Seeger. I gave my answer, sir.

Chairman Walter. What is your answer?

Mr. Seeger. You see, sir, I feel-----

Chairman Walter. What is your answer?

Mr. Seeger. I will tell you what my answer is.
(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. I feel that in my whole life I have never done anything of any conspiratorial nature and I resent very much and very deeply the implication of being called before this committee that in some way because my opinions may be different from yours, or yours, Mr. Willis; or yours, Mr. Scherer; that I am any less of an American than anybody else. I love my country very deeply, sir.

Chairman Walter. Why don't you make a little contribution toward preserving its institutions?

Mr. Seeger. I feel that my whole life is a contribution, that is why I would like to tell you about it.

Chairman Walter. I don't want to hear about it.

Mr. Scherer. I think that there must be a direction to answer.

Chairman Walter. I direct you to answer that question.

Mr. Seeger. I have already given you my answer, sir.

Mr. Scherer. Let me understand. You are not relying on the fifth amendment, are you?

Mr. Seeger. No sir, although I do not want to in any way discredit or depreciate or deplete the witnesses that have used the fifth amendment and I simply feel it is improper for this committee to ask such questions.

Mr. Scherer. And then in answering the rest of the questions, or in refusing to answer the rest of the questions, I understand that you are not relying on the fifth amendment as a basis for your refusal to answer?

Mr. Seeger. No, I am not, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 2", for identification only.

Chairman Walter. Mark it and let it be received.

Mr. Tavenner. I have before me a photostatic copy of the May 4, 1949, issue of the Daily Worker, which has an article entitled "May Day Smash Review Put on by Communist Cultural Division, On Stage", and the article was written by Bob Reed. This article emphasizes a production called Now is the Time, and it says this:

Now is the Time was a hard hitting May Day show of songs and knife-edged satire. New songs and film strips walloped the enemies of the people in what the singers called "Aesopian language".

Then there is bracketed off in the article this paragraph:

Now is the Time was a hard hitting May Day show of songs and knife-edged music section of the cultural division of the Communist Party. Script by Lee Hays.

And other persons, including Peter Seeger. Lee Hays is recited to be the MC, or master of ceremonies.

Did you take part in this May Day program under the auspices of the music section of the cultural division of the Communist Party?

Mr. Seeger. Mr. Chairman, the answer is the same as before.

Mr. Scherer. I think we have to have a direction.

Mr. Walter. I direct you to answer the question.

Mr. Seeger. I have given you my answer, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. The article contains another paragraph as follows:

This performance of Now is the Time was given in honor of the 12 indicted Communist Party leaders.

And then it continues with Bob Reed's account of the show:

This reviewer has never seen a show which stirred its audience more. Add up new material, fine personal and group performances, overwhelming audience response--the result was a significant advance in the people's cultural movement. Now is the Time is that rare phenomenon, a political show in which performers and audience had a lot of fun. It should be repeated for large audiences.

Mr. Lee Hays was asked the question while he was on the witness stand as to whether or not he wrote that play and he refused to answer. Do you know whether he was the originator of the script?

Mr. Seeger. Do I know whether he was the originator of the script? Again my answer is the same. However, if you want to question me about any songs, I would be glad to tell you, sir.

Chairman Walter. That is what you are being asked about now.

Mr. Tavenner. All right, I will ask you, but I would like to introduce that document in evidence and ask it to be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 3", for identification only and to be made a part of the committee files.

Chairman Walter. Mark it and let it be received.

Mr. Tavenner. You said that you would tell us about the songs. Did you participate in a program at Wingdale Lodge in the State of New York, which is a summer camp for adults and children, on the weekend of July Fourth of this year?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. Again, I say I will be glad to tell what songs I have ever sung, because singing is my business.

Mr. Tavenner. I am going to ask you.

Mr. Seeger. But I decline to say who has ever listened to them, who has written them, or other people who have sung them.

Mr. Tavenner. Did you sing this song, to which we have referred, "Now Is the Time", at Wingdale Lodge on the weekend of July Fourth?

Mr. Seeger. I don't know any song by that name, and I know a song with a similar name. It is called Wasn't That a Time. Is that the song?

Chairman Walter. Did you sing that song?

Mr. Seeger. I can sing it, and I don't know how well I can do it without my banjo.

Chairman Walter. I said, did you sing it on that occasion?

Mr. Seeger. I have sung that song, and I am not going to go into where I have sung it. I have sung it many places.

Chairman Walter. Did you sing it on this particular occasion? That is what you are being asked.

Mr. Seeger. Again my answer is the same.

Chairman Walter. You said that you would tell us about it.

Mr. Seeger. I will tell you about the songs, but I am not going to tell you or try to explain---

Chairman Walter. I direct you to answer the question. Did you sing this particular song on the Fourth of July at Wingdale Lodge in New York?

Mr. Seeger. I have already given you my answer to that question, and all questions such as that. I feel that is improper to ask about my associations and opinions. I have said that I would be voluntarily glad to tell you any song, or what I have done in my life.

Chairman Walter. I think it is my duty to inform you that we don't accept this answer and the others, and I give you an opportunity now to answer these questions, particularly the last one.

Mr. Seeger. Sir, my answer is always the same.

Chairman Walter. All right, go ahead, Mr. Tavenner.

Mr. Tavenner. Were you chosen by Mr. Elliott Sullivan to take part in the program on the weekend of July Fourth at Wingdale Lodge?

Mr. Seeger. The answer is the same, sir.

Mr. Willis. Was that the occasion of the satire on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights?

Mr. Tavenner. The same occasion, yes, sir.

I have before me a photostatic copy of a page from the June 1, 1949 issue of the Daily Worker, and in a column entitled "Town Talk", there is found this statement:

The first performance of a new song If I Had a Hammer, on the theme of the Foley Square trial of the Communist leaders, will be given at a testimonial dinner for the 12 on Friday night at St. Nicholas Arena***. Among those on hand for the singing will be***Pete Seeger, and Lee Hays--

and others whose names are mentioned.

Did you take part in that performance?

Mr. Seeger. I shall be glad to answer about the song, sir, and I am not interested in carrying on the line of questioning about where I have sung any songs.

Mr. Tavenner. I ask a direction.

Chairman Walter. You may not be interested, but we are, however. I direct you to answer. You can answer that question.

Mr. Seeger. I feel these questions are improper, sir, and I feel they are immoral to ask any American this kind of question.

Mr. Tavenner. Have you finished your answer?

Mr. Seeger. Yes, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 4", for identification only and to be made a part of the committee files.

Mr. Seeger. I am sorry you are not interested in the song. It is a good song.

Mr. Tavenner. Were you present in the hearing room while the former witnesses testified?

Mr. Seeger. I have been here all morning; yes sir.

Mr. Tavenner. I assume then that you heard me read the testimony of Mr. Kazan about the purpose of the Communist Party in having its actors entertain for the benefit of Communist fronts and the Communist Party. Did you hear that testimony?

Mr. Seeger. Yes; I have hear all of the testimony today.

Mr. Tavenner. Did you hear Mr. George Hall's testimony yesterday in which he stated that as an actor, the special contribution that he was expected to make to the Communist Party was to use his talents by entertaining at Communist Party functions? Did you hear that testimony?

Mr. Seeger. I didn't hear it; no.

Mr. Tavenner. It is a fact that he so testified. I want to know whether or not you were engaged in a similar type of service to the Communist Party in entertaining at these features.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. I have sung for Americans of every political persuasion, and I am proud that I never refuse to sing to an audience, no matter what religion or color of their skin, or situation of life. I have sung in hobo jungles, and I have sung for the Rockefellers, and I am proud that I have never refused to sing for anybody. That is the only answer I can give along that line.

Chairman Walter. Mr. Tavenner, are you getting around to that letter? There was a letter introduced yesterday that I think was of greater importance than any bit of evidence adduced at these hearings, concerning the attempt made to influence people in this professional performers guild and union to assist a purely Communist cause which had no relation whatsoever to the arts and the theater. Is that what you are leading up to?

Mr. Tavenner. Yes; it is. That was the letter of Peter Lawrence, which I questioned him about yesterday. That related to the trial of the Smith Act defendants here at Foley Square. I am trying to inquire now whether this witness was party to the same type of propaganda effort by the Communist Party.

Mr. Scherer. There has been no answer to your last question.

Mr. Tavenner. That is right; may I have a direction?

Mr. Seeger. Would you repeat the question? I don't even know what the last question was, and I thought I have answered all of them up to now.

Mr. Tavenner. What you stated was not in response to the question.

Chairman Walter. Proceed with the questioning, Mr. Tavenner.

Mr. Tavenner. I believe, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I will have the question read to him. I think it should be put in exactly the same form.

(Whereupon the reporter read the pending question as above recorded.)

Mr. Seeger. "These features"; what do you mean? Except for the answer I have already given you, I have no answer. The answer I gave you, you have, don't you? That is that I am proud that I have sung for every American, Americans of every political persuasion, and I have never refused to sing for anybody because I disagreed with their political opinion, and I am proud of the fact that my songs seem to cut across and find perhaps a unifying thing, basic humanity, and that is why I would love to be able to tell you about these songs, because I feel that you would agree with me more, sir. I know many beautiful songs from your home country, Carbon, and Monroe, and I hitchhiked through there and stayed in the homes of miners.

Mr. Tavenner. You are getting away from the question. My question was whether or not you sang at these functions of the Communist Party. You have answered it inferentially, and if I understood your answer, you are saying you did.

Mr. Seeger. Except for that answer, I decline to answer further.

Mr. Tavenner. Did you sing at functions of the Communist Party, at Communist Party requests?

Mr. Seeger. I believe, sir, that a good 20 minutes ago, I gave my answer to this whole line of questioning.

Mr. Tavenner. Yes; but you have now beclouded your answer by your statement, and I want to make certain what you mean. Did you sing at the Communist Party functions which I have asked you about, as a Communist Party duty?

Mr. Seeger. I have already indicated that I am not interested, and I feel it is improper to say who has sung my songs or who I have sung them to, especially under such compulsion as this.

Mr. Tavenner. Have you been a member of the Communist Party since 1947?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. The same answer, sir.

Chairman Walter. I direct you to answer that question.

Mr. Seeger. I must give the same answer as before.

Mr. Tavenner. I have a throwaway sheet entitled "Culture Fights Back, 1953", showing entertainment at the Capitol Hotel, Carnival Room, 51st Street at 8th Avenue, in 1953, sponsored by the Committee to Defend V. J. Jerome. It indicates that Pete Seeger was one of those furnishing the entertainment. Will you tell the committee, please, whether or not you were asked to perform on that occasion, and whether or not you did, either as a Communist Party directive, or as what you considered to be a duty of the Communist Party.

Mr. Seeger. I believe I have answered this already.

Mr. Tavenner. Are you acquainted with V. J. Jerome?

Mr. Seeger. I have already told you sir, that I believe my associations, whatever they are, are my own private affairs.

Mr. Tavenner. You did know, at that time, in 1953, that V. J. Jerome was a cultural head of the Communist Party and one of the Smith Act defendants in New York City?

Mr. Seeger. Again the same answer, sir.

Mr. Scherer. You refuse to answer that question?

Mr. Seeger. Yes, sir.

Chairman Walter. That is understood.

Mr. Tavenner. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 5" for identification only.

Chairman Walter. It will be so marked and received.

Mr. Tavenner. I hand you a photograph which was taken of the May Day parade in New York City in 1952, which shows the front rank of a group of individuals, and one is in a uniform with military cap and insignia, and carrying a placard entitled "Censored".

Will you examine it please and state whether or not that is a photograph of you?

(A document was handed to the witness.)

Mr. Seeger. It is like Jesus Christ when asked by Pontius Pilate, "Are you king of the Jews?"

Chairman Walter. Stop that.

Mr. Seeger. Let someone else identify that picture.

Mr. Scherer. I ask that he be directed to answer the question.

Chairman Walter. I direct you to answer the question.

Mr. Seeger. The question--"Do I identify this photograph?"

Chairman Walter. Yes.

Mr. Seeger. I say let someone else identify it.

Mr. Tavenner. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 6".¹

¹ See Lee exhibit No. 1.

Chairman Walter. Make it a part of the record.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Tavenner. It is noted that the individual mentioned is wearing a military uniform. That was in May of 1952, and the statute of limitations would have run by now as to any offense for the improper wearing of the uniform, and will you tell the committee whether or not you took part in that May Day program wearing a uniform of an American soldier?

Mr. Seeger. The same answer as before, sir.

Chairman Walter. I direct you to answer that question.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Scherer. I think the record should show that the witness remains mute, following the direction by the chairman to answer that question.

Mr. Seeger. The same answer, sir, as before.

Mr. Scherer. Again I understand that you are not invoking the fifth amendment?

Mr. Seeger. That is correct.

Mr. Scherer. We are not accepting the answers or the reasons you gave.

Mr. Seeger. That is your prerogative, sir.

Mr. Scherer. Do you understand it is the feeling of the committee that you are in contempt as a result of the position you take?

Mr. Seeger. I can't say.

Mr. Scherer. I am telling you that that is the position of the committee.

Mr. Tavenner. The Daily Worker of April 21, 1948, at page 7, contains a notice that Pete Seeger was a participant in an affair for Ferdinand Smith. Will you tell the committee what the occasion was at which you took part?

Mr. Seeger. I hate to waste the committee's time, but I think surely you must realize by now that my answer is the same.

Mr. Tavenner. Do you know whether Ferdinand Smith was under deportation orders at that time?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. I think that he was not under deportation orders until a little later than that.

Chairman Walter. What is his name?

Mr. Tavenner. Ferdinand Smith, a Communist Party member and former vice president of the maritime union.

My purpose in asking you these questions, Mr. Seeger, is to determine whether or not, in accordance with the plan of the Communist Party as outlined by Mr. Kazan and Mr. George Hall, you were performing a valuable service to the Communist Party, and if that was the way they attempted to use you.

Mr. Seeger. Is that a question, sir?

Mr. Tavenner. That is my explanation to you, with the hope that you will give the committee some light on that subject.

Mr. Seeger. No; my answer is the same as before.

Mr. Tavenner. Did you also perform and entertain at various functions held by front organizations such as the American Youth for Democracy? I have here photostatic copies of the Daily Worker indicating such programs were conducted in Detroit in 1952, at Greenwich Village, on May 10, 1947, and again at another place in March of 1948.

Did you entertain at functions under the auspices of the American Youth for Democracy?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. The answer is the same, and I take it that you are not interested in all of the different places that I have sung, and why don't you ask me about the churches and schools and other places?

Mr. Tavenner. That is very laudable, indeed, and I wish only that your activities had been confined to those areas.

If you were acting for the Communist Party at these functions, we want to know it. We want to determine just what the Communist Party plan was.

Mr. Scherer. Witness, you have indicated that you are perfectly willing to tell us about all of these innumerable functions at which you entertained, but why do you refuse to tell us about the functions that Mr. Tavenner inquires about?

Mr. Seeger. No, sir, I said that I should be glad to tell you about all of the songs that I have sung, because I feel that the songs are the clearest explanation of what I do believe in, as a musician, and as an American.

Mr. Scherer. Didn't you just say that you sang before various religious groups, school groups?

Mr. Seeger. I have said it and I will say it again, and I have sung for perhaps---

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Scherer. You are willing to tell us about those groups?

Mr. Seeger. I am saying voluntarily that I have sung for almost every religious group in the country, from Jewish and Catholic, and Presbyterian and Holy Rollers and Revival Churches, and I do this voluntarily. I have sung for many, many different groups, and it is hard for perhaps one person to believe, I was looking back over the 20 years or so that I have sung around these 48 states, that I have sung in so many different places.

Mr. Scherer. Did you sing before the groups that Mr. Tavenner asked you about?

Mr. Seeger. I am saying that my answer is the same as before. I have told you that I sung for everybody.

Chairman Walter. Wait a minute. You sung for everybody. Then are we to believe or to take it that you sang at the places Mr. Tavenner mentioned?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before.

Chairman Walter. What is that?

Mr. Seeger. It seems to me like the third time I have said it, if not the fourth.

Chairman Walter. Maybe it is the fifth, but say it again, and I want to know what your answer is.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. I decline to discuss, under compulsion, where I have sung, and who has sung my songs, that I have helped to write as well as to sing them, and who else has sung with me, and the people I have known. I love my country very dearly and I greatly resent this implication that because some of the places that I have sung and some of the people that I have known, and some of my opinions, whether they are religious or philosophical, or I might be a vegetarian, making me any less of an American. I will tell you about my songs, but I am not interested in telling you who wrote them and I will tell you about my songs, and I am not interested in who listened to them.

Mr. Tavenner. According to the Daily Worker there was a conference program of the Civil Rights Congress on April 2, 1949, at which you were one of the performers.

On August 27, 1949, the People's Artists presented a summer musicale at Lakeland Acres picnic grounds, Peekskill, N.Y., for the benefit of the Harlem chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, at which you were a participant.

At another meeting of the Civil Rights Congress of New York, around May 11, 1946, you were a participant.

Will you tell the committee, please, under what circumstances you performed, because you have said that you sang at all sorts of meetings, and now under what circumstances were your services acquired on those occasions?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir. I can only infer from your lack of interest in my songs that you are actually scared to know what these songs are like, because there is nothing wrong with my songs, sir. Do you know---

Mr. Scherer. You said you want to talk about your songs, and I will give you an opportunity. Tell us what songs you sang at Communist Party meetings?

Mr. Seeger. I will tell you about the songs that I have sung anyplace.

Mr. Scherer. I want to know the ones that you sang at Communist Party meetings, because those are the songs about which we can inquire. Just tell us one song that you sang at a Communist Party meeting.

Mr. Seeger. Mr. Scherer, it seems to me that you heard my testimony and that is a ridiculous question, because you know what my answer is.

Mr. Tavenner. Mr. George Hall testified that the entertainment that he engaged in at the instance of the Communist Party, and for the Communist Party were not songs of a political character. He did say, however, that he was expected by the Communist Party to perform in order to raise money for the Communist Party.

Now, did you, as Mr. Hall did, perform in order to raise money for Communist Party causes?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. I don't care what Mr. Hall says, and my answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. That you refuse to answer?

Mr. Seeger. I have given my answer.

Mr. Scherer. Was Mr. Hall telling the truth when he told the committee about the entertainment he engaged in at the instance of the Communist Party?

Mr. Seeger. I don't feel like discussing what Mr. Hall said.

Mr. Tavenner. The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief has been designated as a front organization. According to the October 22, 1947, issue of the Daily People's World, in California, Pete Seeger headed the list of entertainers to appear at a picnic given by the Southern California chapter of that organization. Did you participate in that program?

Mr. Seeger. If you have 100 more photostats there, it seems silly for me to give you the same answer 100 more times.

Mr. Tavenner. What is your answer?

Mr. Seeger. It is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. There are various peace groups in the country which have utilized your services, are there not?

Mr. Seeger. I have sung for pacifists and I have sung for soldiers.

Mr. Tavenner. According to the Daily Worker of September 6, 1940, you were scheduled as a singer at a mass meeting of American Peace Mobilization at Turner's Arena, in Washington, D. C.

What were the circumstances under which you were requested to take part in that performance?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. You were a member of the American Peace Mobilization, were you not?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. Tavenner. Were you not a delegate to the Chicago convention of the American Peace Mobilization on September 5, 1940?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before.

Chairman Walter. Is that organization subversive?

Mr. Tavenner. Yes.

Chairman Walter. What is the name of it?

Mr. Tavenner. American Peace Mobilization, and it was the beginning of these peace organizations, back in 1940.

Did you take part in the American Peace Crusade program in Chicago, in April of 1954?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before. Of course, I would be curious to know what you think of a song like this very great Negro spiritual, I'm Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield, Down By the Riverside.

Mr. Tavenner. That is not at all responsive to my question.

Mr. Seeger. I gave you my answer before I even said that.

Mr. Tavenner. If you refuse to answer, I think that you should not make a speech.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Tavenner. Did you also perform a service for the California Labor School in Los Angeles by putting on musical programs there?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. Did you teach in the California Labor School?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Scherer. I think for the record you should state whether the California Labor School has been cited.

Mr. Tavenner. It has.

Mr. Scherer. As subversive and Communist dominated?

Mr. Tavenner. Yes, it has been.

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Tavenner. Did you also teach at the Jefferson School of Social Science here in the city of New York?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Scherer. I ask that you direct him to answer.

Chairman Walter. I direct you to answer. Did you teach at the Jefferson School here at New York?

Mr. Seeger. I feel very silly having to repeat the same thing over and over again, but my answer is exactly the same as before, sir.

Chairman Walter. Has the Jefferson School of Social Science been cited?

Mr. Tavenner. Yes, and it has been required to register under the 1950 Internal Security Act.

Mr. Scherer. There are a number of people here who taught at that school, Mr. Walter.

Mr. Tavenner. I desire to offer in evidence a photostatic copy of an article from the September 21, 1946 issue of the Daily Worker which refers to music courses at Jefferson School, and I call attention to the last sentence in the article wherein the name, Peter Seeger is mentioned as a leader in one of the courses.

I ask that it be marked "Seeger Exhibit No. 7".

Chairman Walter. It is received and so marked.

Why don't you insert it in the record at this point, because there can be no objection to inserting it.

Mr. Tavenner. I insert it in the record at this point.

Seeger Exhibit No. 7

(Daily Worker, New York, Saturday, September 21, 1946)

Music Courses at Jefferson School

Three new courses in music will be offered by the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Avenue of the Americas, for the fall term beginning Sept. 30.

The music of Beethoven, a series of 10 Tuesday evening forums, with records and discussions, of representative works of the great creative epochs of Beethoven's life, will be led by Irwin Freundlich. Mr. Freundlich is on the faculty of the Julliard School of Music.

Horace Grenell, president of Young People's Records, will lead a workshop course in Creating Music.

A People's Songs Workshop, under the supervision of Waldemar Hille, former professor of music at Elmhurst College, will offer practical sessions in writing new songs and in selecting and editing songs for publication. The workshop leaders will include Herbert Haufrecht, Peter Seeger, Lee Hayes, and others.

According to the March 18, 1948 issue of the Daily Worker, it is indicated that you would entertain at a musical presented by the Jefferson Workers Book Shop. According to the November 25, 1948 issue of the same paper you would perform also under the auspices of the Jefferson School of Social Science. Also you were a participant in a program advertised in the Daily Worker of June 1, 1950, put on by the Jefferson School of Social Science, and according to an issue of February 15, 1954, of the same paper, you were expected to play and lecture on songs and ballads in the Jefferson School.

Will you tell the committee, please, what were the circumstances under which you engaged in those programs, if you did?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. Did you also engage in performances for the Labor Youth League in 1954?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before. Do you think that I sing propaganda songs or something?

Mr. Tavenner. In 1947, what was your connection with an organization known as People's Songs?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. I take the same answer as before regarding any organization or any association I have.

Chairman Walter. What was People's Songs, Mr. Tavenner.

Mr. Tavenner. People's Songs was an organization which, according to its issue of February and March 1947, was composed of a number of persons on the board of directors who have been called before this committee or identified by this committee as members of the Communist Party, and the purpose of which, from information made available to the committee, was to extend services to the Communist Party in its entertainment projects.

Mr. Lee Hays was a member of the board of directors, was he not, along with you, in this organization?

(Witness consulted with counsel.)

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. Were you not the editor of People's Songs, and a member of the board of directors in 1947?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. Tavenner. You were actually the national director of this organization, were you not?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. Tavenner. Was the organization founded by Alan Lomax?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. Tavenner. Was the booking agent of People's Songs, an organization known as People's Artists?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same.

Mr. Tavenner. Will you tell the committee please whether or not during the weekend of July 4, 1955, you were a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before, sir.

Mr. Tavenner. Were you a member of the Communist Party at any time during the various entertainment features in which you were alleged to have engaged?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same.

Mr. Tavenner. Are you a member of the Communist Party now?

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same.

Mr. Scherer. I ask for a direction on that question.

Chairman Walter. I direct you to answer.

Mr. Seeger. My answer is the same as before.

Mr. Tavenner. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Walter. The witness is excused.

The Committee will stand in recess until 2:00 o'clock.

(The committee thereupon recessed at 12:40 p.m., to reconvene at 2 p.m., the same day.)

Because of the foregoing, the said Committee on Un-American Activities was deprived of answers to pertinent questions propounded to said Peter Seeger relative to the subject matter which, under Public Law 601, section 121, subsection (q) (2) of the 79th Congress, and under House Resolution 5 of the 84th Congress, the said committee was instructed to investigate, and the refusal of the witness to answer the questions, namely:

May I ask you whether or not the Allerton Section was a section of the Communist Party?

Did you take part in this May Day program under the auspices of the music section of the cultural division of the Communist Party?

Did you sing this particular song on the Fourth of July at Wingdale Lodge in New York?

Were you chosen by Mr. Elliott Sullivan to take part in the program on the weekend of July Fourth at Wingdale Lodge?

Did you take part in that performance?

Have you been a member of the Communist Party since 1947?

Will you examine it please and state whether or not that is a photograph of you?

It is noted that the individual mentioned is wearing a military uniform. That was in May of 1952, and the statute of limitations would have run by now as to any offense for the improper wearing of the uniform, and will you tell the committee whether or not you took part in that May Day program wearing a uniform of an American soldier?

Did you also teach at the Jefferson School of Social Science here in the city of New York.

Are you a member of the Communist Party now?

which questions were pertinent to the subject under inquiry, is a violation of the subpoena under which the witness had previously appeared, and his refusal to answer the aforesaid questions deprived your committee of necessary and pertinent testimony and places the said witness in contempt of the House of Representatives of the United States.

SEGER CONVICTED OF U. S. CONTEMPT

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Jury finds Folk Singer Is

Guilty of All 10 Counts of
Defiance in Red Hunt

By PHILIP BENGAMIN

Pete Seeger, the folk singer, was convicted of contempt of Congress yesterday by a jury in Federal Court. He was found guilty on all ten counts of an indictment charging him with refusing to answer questions by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Mr. Seeger had appeared before the committee Aug. 18, 1958, when it was in New York investigating possible Communist infiltration in the entertainment industry.

The 42-year-old singer could receive up to a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine. He will be sentenced next Tuesday morning at 10:30 A. M. The verdict will be appealed.

The jury, composed of eight men and four women, deliberated for an hour and twenty minutes before bringing in its verdict. Mr. Seeger was continued in \$1,000 bail pending sentence.

Queried on Activities

The indictment was based on his refusal to answer ten questions at the 1955 hearing. The questions concerned alleged membership in the Communist party and participation in various Communist or Communist-front activities.

Mr. Seeger did not specifically invoke any Constitutional amendments as a basis for refusal to answer questions, but he said during a recess yesterday that the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech, was implicit in his refusal.

During the three-day trial before Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, Mr. Seeger's attorney, Paul L. Ross, had attempted to cast doubt on the validity of the Congressional committee's investigation of the entertainment industry in New York, since no legislation had resulted from it.

In his charge to the jury yesterday, however, Judge Murphy said he had "determined as a matter of law" that the committee had conducted a valid inquiry and its questions to Mr. Seeger had been pertinent.

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One Issue Stressed

Irving Younger, the assistant United States Attorney prosecuting the trial, said in summing up that the only issue was whether Mr. Seeger had been in contempt of Congress by refusing to answer questions.

An unusual feature of the trial was the appearance Tuesday of Representative Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House committee, as a witness. He had been subpoenaed by the defense.

Mr. Seeger did not take the stand. Yesterday Mr. Ross called four persons as character witnesses. They were Dr. Helen Parkhurst, an educator and founder of the Dalton School, a progressive school here; Moses Asch of Folkways Records, for whom Mr. Seeger has recorded songs; the Rev. Gerald Humphrey, a Protestant Episcopal priest from Beacon, N. Y., where Mr. Seeger lives, and Dr. Harold Taylor, former president of Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville.

Two other persons indicted with Mr. Seeger will go on trial soon. They are Elliot Sullivan, 54, an actor, of 2 Peter Cooper Road, and Martin Yarus, an actor known professionally as George Tync, 44, of 514 Central Park West.

Seeger Conviction for Contempt Of Congress Voided in Appeal

**U. S. Court Rules Indictment
Failed to Define Powers
of House Committee**

By EDWARD RANZAL

The conviction a year ago of Pete Seeger, well-known folk singer, for contempt of Congress was unanimously reversed yesterday by the United States Court of Appeals.

The indictment was ordered dismissed. Mr. Seeger, who was sentenced to one year in prison, has been free in \$2,000 bail pending appeal.

The 43-year-old folk singer, who lives near Beacon, N. Y., was charged with having refused to answer questions on Communist infiltration in the field of entertainment during a hearing in 1955 before a subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

In reversing the conviction, the court held that the indictment was defective because it failed to define properly the authority of the subcommittee to conduct the hearings.

The court's opinion was written by Judge Irving R. Kaufman; Judge Thomas W. Swann concurred. Judge Leonard P. Moore concurred in a separate opinion in which he held that the Government had failed to prove its case.

'Misleading Statement'

The court found that instead of a "clear, accurate and unambiguous" definition of the subcommittee's authority, the indictment "contained a wholly misleading and incorrect statement of the basis of that authority."

"This not only runs afoul of accepted notions of fair notice, but goes to the very substance of whether or not any crime has been shown," it said.

Judge Kaufman wrote:

"We are not inclined to dismiss lightly claims of Constitutional stature because they are asserted by one who may appear unworthy of sympathy. Once we embark upon shortcuts by creating a category of the 'obviously guilty' whose rights are denied, we run the risk that the circle of the unprotected will grow."

Judge Kaufman said that there could be no doubt that it



Pete Seeger

was the duty of every citizen to help Congress obtain information that it needed to legislate intelligently and effectively. He added:

"When Congress believes that its authority has been flouted by improper behavior of a witness who has refused to give testimony before one of its subcommittees, and has voted that the witness be prosecuted for contempt, it is incumbent upon the courts to apply the sanctions provided by law."

The Issue of Fairness

"The issue then is not only whether Congress, or the prosecutor, or even a judge might believe that the defendant is guilty of contempt; it is whether he has been accused and tried in full compliance with the transcending principles of fairness embodied in our Constitution and protected by our law."

"A defendant, faced with possible loss of liberty, should not, at the commencement of the prosecution, be made to guess whether the inquiring body had power to exact his testimony."

The Government may pursue the case in two ways, if it desires. It can appeal the reversal to the United States Supreme Court or draw a new indictment within a year. Government officials refused to discuss what course they may follow at this time.

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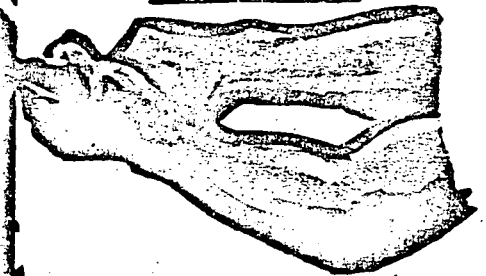
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On Wednesday, March 14, we interviewed Pete Seeger, noted folk singer, and one of the "First Amendment Cases." We present this interview complete and unedited.

SEEGER:

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Q. You often say that your songs express your politics, but what influences your politics?

First of all I think you ought to understand how I define the word "politics." I'm not a politician; I'm a musician, but it seems to me that any citizen in a democracy should be interested in far more than just his narrow profession. After all, how could you have a democracy, how could people vote if they were ignorant about what was going on in the world? Even the ordinary citizens, no matter what jobs they have, whether it's a low paying job or a high paying job, or if they don't have any job at all; if they vote, theoretically they are supposed to be interested in more than just themselves. They're interested in things that are of national concern; international concern nowadays—nothing is national anymore. And I am no exception, I'm a musician who happens to be interested in every part of the world. No person who is interested in poetry or song could fail to be interested in all kinds of people; rich and poor; people of different races and religious creeds, different beliefs and certainly, of different countries. So if any one wants to find out what my politics are it is easy for them to find out simply by attending one of my programs. I've never tried to pull punches, and if they listen to me one evening they will have a better definition of what I believe in.

Q. As a 1st Amendment case, what do you think are obviously the rights of an artist to perform without reprisals?

Obviously, if you believe in the First Amendment of the Constitution, you believe that people not only have a right to speak their minds but to sing their mind as well, and the obvious intent of HUAC is to put a damper on all expression which they disapprove of, whether speakers, singers, and I suppose you could extend that to actors, painters, photographers too. If this gentleman who is taking photographs of us now, happened to be down in Sen. Eastland's territory, taking pictures of some of the things that Sen. Eastland doesn't want anyone to see, I'm sure that Sen. Eastland would like to take his camera away from him, if he could.

Q. Speaker bans have made news on campuses recently. Could you cite a similar experience of your own?

It occasionally happens. The president of a college in the midwest head that the Student Council wanted me to come and give a concert, and so he went before the Council and said, "Boys, I heard Mr. Seeger sing when he was here last year and I admit

that I liked the program and that there was nothing really wrong with it, although I didn't agree with everything in it, but, since then I've had some letters . . ." So he showed the Student Council a batch of letters from the American Legion and so on, and he said, "As you know, our college is not state supported, we have a hard time getting endowments. Right now I'm trying to get more endowments and this is not making my job any easier. If you have him here again, you can be assured that there will be many people who will not contribute to our college, and I urge you not to have Mr. Seeger back." Well the Student Council said that this was an issue of academic freedom, and asked whether they did or did not have the right to have a person come and sing for them. They put up such a fight that finally the president washed his hands of it, and said: "Well, I've done what I could." So the students came and got me. They said, "Look, we're Republicans and Democrats and everything; we're not interested in your politics; we want to hear some songs. And this attitude has been shown by students in many different places, I'm happy to say. Of course I'm kept from some places. There is a ruling on some college campuses that I am not allowed to sing in a college building, period. And for years, I haven't been able to sing on network TV, or get a steady job on radio or television. But perhaps this has been a blessing in disguise. I'm very fortunate because I have the best kind of audience in the world, namely young people throughout the country who would like to hear me sing. And I sure enjoy singing for them.

Q. You've sung songs of peace, civil rights, civil liberties, etc. What connection do you see among these songs?

I'm sorry but you'd have to hear the song to determine that. No two songs treat any subject the same way, whether it's justice or injustice of any sort. Furthermore the same song can mean different things to different people, and increasingly in the last few years I've found that the most powerful statement I can make is simply to ask a pertinent question. Einstein once said that in any research problem the most important step was discovering the right questions to ask. If you can discover the right questions to ask, from then on it's clear sailing, because you know what to try and answer. But until you know the right questions to ask, you flounder. It's as though a person shipwrecked on a raft doesn't know whether to ask for food or directions first. Some of the most important songs I've sung in the last few years have been things like the "Bells of Rimney," which simply say, is there hope for the future? Who

best kind of audience in the ... young people."

robbed the miners say the big bells of Blina. Why so worried, sisters, why say the silver bells of Whye. And another song, which I wrote a few years ago, and which now, to my surprise is climbing up in the top forty, is "Where Have All the Flowers Gone." It also simply asks three questions, such as, "where have all the young men gone?"

Q. What is the major role, or purpose of your art?

The major role of any art is to try to explain life. You don't simply provide fairy tales to titillate and distract one, or to divert one. Rather you try to lift the audience out of their local narrow problems and relate them to much broader problems. Now this is a subtle difference and I wonder if you see what I mean. Take people who have lived all their lives in one little town. They see right and wrong in that town, and they've never been outside that town. But they go to see a play, "Hamlet," "Prince of Denmark," or a play by Brecht, like "The Good Woman of Setzuan," about something going on way over in Asia. And they see right and wrong in these far away places. And if they have any sense as human beings they will relate these problems to those of their own home town. In other words, they are not supposed to forget their problems, but rather to relate them and to learn about them. It is like history. You get a perspective on today by studying yesterday, and you get a clearer idea of what tomorrow may bring by studying what is going on today. Thus, I, as an artist, am simply using the tools at my command—banjos, guitars, melodies, verses—to try to do the same thing. In a larger sense, anyone who has tried to explain something to someone else finds himself needing to use a certain amount of art. Most of the great politicians of the world have been artists. Certainly Lincoln was; he was able to explain difficult points using small stories. Some of the demagogic politicians have been artists too, in a satanic way. But they have known how to capture in one phrase a whole movement,—whether it's Huey Long with his "every man a King," or Hitler and so on. Now let me ask you a question or two,—

Do you feel that a student in college, who has never worked in any industry, who sings about sharecroppers, miners, sailors, cowboys, is only manifesting some form of escapism?

My answer: I feel that they should understand what they are singing and not just be enchanted with the melody or the particular lyrics. College students read about many people and many types of experiences which they will not experience in their lives, or have not yet experienced in their short lives. Thus,

singing about these people, and at the same time being aware of what the song meant to the people who wrote it, adds to the student's knowledge of other human beings.

Seeger—that's a good answer. After all, college students read about the Elizabethans, the Greek and Roman periods, so why shouldn't they sing about what they know. But you're quite right; too often they only sing the words without taking the time to really understand the song, to dig beneath the surface.

Do you think that any one person can sing the songs of the people of the United States? Just think how many different peoples there are, coming from different corners of Europe, Asia, Africa, South America.

My reply: I would think one could. We have in common the fact that we're human beings and too, we're Americans. America is made up of many cultures, and the ideal of our country is one of unifying these cultures without destroying their basic char-



acter. It's also important that we understand what role the songs play in a particular people's lives.

Seeger—I would add one thing. If you want to sing somebody else's song you ought to sing it as well as you can. There is always the danger, particularly if it is from a faraway place or in an idiom you are not sure of. You may make a damned fool of yourself, just by misunderstanding something. I once learned a song from a soldier when I was in the army, about 20 years ago. This soldier was from Brownsville, Texas, and was of Mexican background. He taught me a beautiful little Spanish song, and I sang it around for years until I found out that it was a completely filthy song and couldn't be sung in the presence of anybody. One could likewise say things which were unfair, unrealistic, silly, just by not knowing an idiom well enough. Even pronunciation . . . I've heard English people come over here and try to put on one of our Louisiana Accents, and it sounds just silly. So you ought to make these songs your own unless you can really do it right.