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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

September 30, 2016

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR
THE BLACK VAULT



FOIPA Request No.: 1353123-000

Subject: WILLIAMS, FRANKLIN H

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 167 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish or number "3".

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	Franklin Hall Williams #32333184	5-8-42 F. Jay Governors Island NY Clerk		
CSC	Franklin H. Williams #--	12-18-43		
PD NY-NY	Franklin H. Williams #--	applicant for admission to practice law 10-25-45		
St Bu Sacramento Calif (prt ret)	Franklin Hall Williams #SPol Star 97	appl FP 9-10-59		
	Company: Dept. of Justice San Francisco Calif		Div of Crim Law Inf & Exec	
	Residence: 4160 Coulumb		Dr Palo Alto Calif	
Peace Corps Wash DC	Franklin Hall Williams #--	appl prt rec 6-20-61		

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The applicant's fingerprints were checked
against the records of the identification
Division of the Federal Bureau of Investi-
gation and no arrest record was found.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Date: **6-20-61**

To: SAC
Washington Field

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above-named individual in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 19, Volume 2 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the completed investigation must be submitted Airmail, Special Delivery, where proper, to reach the Bureau by

Birth date and Birthplace: **July 5, 1961.**

Present Address:

Social Security Number:

Firm to employ and
position involved:

NEW YORK

Determine applicant's activities 1935 to 1937. Applicant does not list his father. Ascertain identity of father and conduct appropriate investigation regarding him.

Enc. (3) (79 cards)

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Card #3 FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

Calif. assistant Attorney General in charge of Constitutional Rights Division spoke on struggle of Negroes for equality in the US at "Peace Institute"

Peoples World, 3/5/60, p. 3

Card #4 FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

Natl. Assn. for Advancement of Colored People
To be member of steering committee for mass meeting on
Feb. 21 at Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles
Daily Peoples World, 2/5/52, p. 6

Card #5 FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

Meeting to protest ban on Howard Fast at Brooklyn College
Speaker
The Worker, Southern Edition, 12/21/47, p. 4

Card #6 FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People
Speaker at meeting held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church
on 10/19 at Los Angeles
DPW - 10-21-52 p. 3

Card #7 FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS

Witness in public hearings "The Abrams Case-History
of Communist Infiltration at the University of Calif.
at Los Angeles.
Ninth report of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee,
Calif., 1957

Card #8 FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS

Leader of the Party-Line in caucus, AVC
New Leader, 3/8/47 p. 5

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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-493)

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPI - PC

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The general indices of HCUA reflect the following on
FRANKLIN WILLIAMS:

Card #1 FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

Protest rally against ban on Communist speakers at
universities

Speaker

Daily Worker, 12/16/47, p. 10
New York State Chairman, American Veterans Committee

Card #2 FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

South Africa Defense Fund
Sponsor

T. F. copy of letterhead, Rec 11-59 (Filed:) American
Committee on Africa, Inc.)

Sec'y-Counsel, Western Region, N.A.A.C.P.

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Card #9 FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS

Southern Conference for Human Welfare

Member, Executive Bd., NY Committee

Undated Leaflet, "The South is Closer Than You Think"
published by NY Office. Received about 2/47.

Card #10 FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS

American Civil-Liberties Union of Northern Calif.

Re-elected to Bd. of Directors

ACLU news, p. 3, Oct. 1958

Regional Director and Counsel of the NAACP

Card #11 FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Regional Director; participant in rally held at
Oakland auditorium of 2/24 - to protest bomb-death
of HARRY MOORE, NAACP leader in Florida

Daily Peoples World, 2/25/52 p. 6

San Francisco and New York attempt to determine
if identical and report if pertinent. WFO will report files
of HCUA utilized.

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To: SAC, San Francisco

From: Director, FBI (161-749)

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS, SI - PC
ReBulet 6/20/61.

SF, Re "Ninth report, Un-American Activities in California, 1957," California Legislature. Pages 109, 110, 116, 118, 120, 121, 123, and 124 refer to Williams. (100-15252-98 encl)

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (161-181)

RE: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS; SPECIAL INQUIRY; PEACE CORPS.

REBULET JUNE TWENTY LAST. [REDACTED] GIVEN AS

REFERENCE, IS STAYING UNTIL FRIDAY AM AT THE HOTEL DUPONT,
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-493)
FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPI-PEACE CORPS

Re Bulet 6/20/61.

Files of CSC reflect:

FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

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Above individual signed a C. P. nominating petition,
page 554, for candidate [redacted] on 9/21/41, in N. Y. County,
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WFO reporting CSC utilized.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC ALBANY

FROM SAC NEW YORK

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FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS, SPI - PEACE CORPS. REBULET JUNE 20
LAST TO WASHINGTON FIELD. BUDED JULY 5 NEXT. APPOINTEE,
BORN OCTOBER 22, 1917, FLUSHING, NEW YORK, CURRENTLY RESIDING
IN CALIFORNIA AND EMPLOYED AS ATTORNEY FOR STATE GOVERNMENT
AT TIME OF APPLICATION. PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS ATTORNEY AND
REGIONAL SECRETARY OF NAACP. EMPLOYED DURING SUMMER OF 1941
AT WARDEN HOTEL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK AS BELLHOP AND
RESIDED IN CARE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS MEMBER OF NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD AND
AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE. ALBANY VERIFY EMPLOYMENT AND
RESIDENCE AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE CHECKS.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, EL PASO
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (161-316)
SUBJECT: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Re Bulet to WFO dated 6/20/61.

For information El Paso, appointee born 10/22/1917,
Flushing, N.Y., ASN 32333184.

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Referral/Consult

El Paso conduct appropriate investigation.

WFO review above cross references and if identical report pertinent information.

Report follows.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS		Report made by	Typed By
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS	

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Bulet to WFO, 6/20/61 and Baltimore airtel to El Paso, 6/29/61.

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FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Files of G-2 reviewed and pertinent information contained therein has been utilized.

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DETAILS:

The files of G-2, U.S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, made available by a representative of that agency were reviewed on 6/28/61.

The pertinent information contained in G-2 files re the appointee has been utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in conducting this investigation.

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Date: 6/30/61

Transmit the following in Plain Text
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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (161-158)

Subject: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPI - PC
BUDED 7/5/61

ReBulet 6/20/61 and New York airtel 6/23/61.

Records at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., show that on application for admission dated 3/16/37 WILLIAMS listed following employments:

June 1930 to September 1930 - FRANK C. OSMERS,
75 West 47th Street, New York City (messenger)

June 1934 to September 1934 - New York Urban
League (counselor)

February 1936 to date of application - GEORGE
PHONG, 545 West 59th Street, New York City
(Chauffeur)

Applicant's file also contains a letter to the Dean of Men dated 10/24/45 stating he forgot the address he listed on his original application but believed he listed 33-05 Murray Street, Flushing, N. Y. He stated he actually

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Special Agent in Charge

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was living at 144-37 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, N. Y., immediately prior to admittance to Lincoln University. He asked the Dean of Men to state in answer to any correspondence that he lived at 33-05 Murray Street, Flushing, N. Y., at time of registration, and his address did not change at any time. His reason was that at that period of his life he was moved back and forth between his uncle's home and his grandfather's residence at 144-37 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, N. Y., and he is not sure of the exact dates. A notation on the margin of his letter indicated this request was granted.

New York verify above employments and conduct neighborhood if not already done.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS		Report made by SA	Typed By: mcs
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPI-PEACE CORPS	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

San Francisco teletype dated 6/27/61.

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Office:

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Title:

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Reference, [REDACTED] states applicant person of good character, habits, reputation, loyalty and associates. States applicant man of moderate drinking habits who always makes neat and conservative personal appearance and enjoys good health. Recommends applicant highly.

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DATE 8-12-80 BY SP-5 RD/bia

REFERENCE

On June 28, 1961, [REDACTED] a

[REDACTED] in the San Francisco, California area, was interviewed at the DuPont Hotel, Wilmington, Delaware, and advised as follows:

He has known the applicant as a friend and social acquaintance in the San Francisco, California area during the past eight years and considers him to be an outstanding American citizen. He is a man of good character, habits and reputation. His loyalty to the United States and the quality of his associates are beyond reproach. He is a man of moderate drinking habits,

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dresses neatly and conservatively and enjoys good health. He recommended the applicant for a position of confidence and trust. He added that the applicant's wife, [] is a very reputable person who is highly regarded by all.

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FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

WILLIAMS served in U.S. Army from 5/8/42 to 11/19/43.
Received honorable discharge due to physical disability.

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DETAILS:

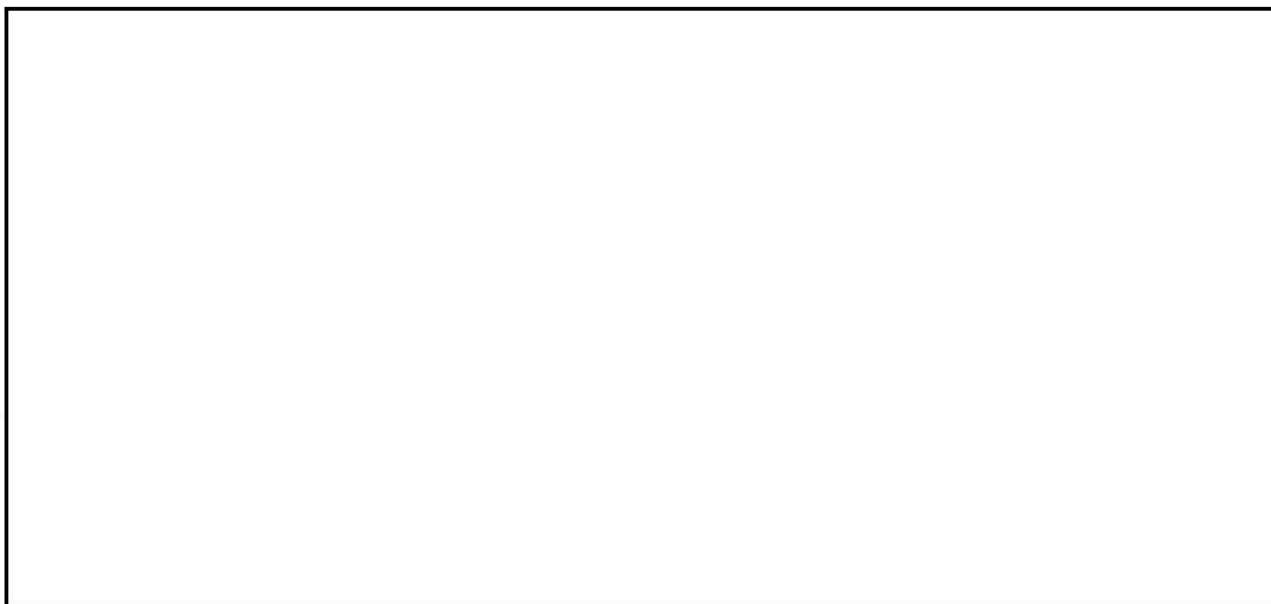
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TITLE OF CASE FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS		Report made by SA DONALD W. KUNO	Typed By: jr
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES:

- ✓ Bulet to Washington Field, dated 6/20/61.
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Report of: SA DONALD W. KUNO
Date: June 30, 1961

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File No.: 161-181

Bureau File No.:

Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Appointee was born 10/22/17, Flushing, New York. He has resided in the San Francisco Bay area since 1950 when he was transferred by the NAACP to become West Coast Regional Director. He is married; has two sons. From 10/59 to 4/61, he was Assistant Attorney General of the State of California in the Fair Employment Practices Section. He is highly regarded by former associates, employer, neighbors, and acquaintances. He is regarded as aggressive, capable, and highly intelligent. His loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. He is recommended for employment in a responsible position by acquaintances. (u)

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The following investigation was conducted by
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Information concerning the Appointee at the San Francisco "Examiner", daily newspaper, was reviewed on June 26, 1961. Biographical data dated December 6, 1956, reflected that Appointee then resided at 4160 Coulombe Drive, Palo Alto, California. He was Regional Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 690 Market Street, San Francisco. He was born October 27, 1917, at Flushing, New York. His parents were ARTHUR R. WILLIAMS and ALINDA LOWRY. He obtained an A.B. Degree at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, and an LL.B. Degree from the School of Law, Fordham University. He [redacted] on May 27, 1944, and had two sons. [redacted] born [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] born [redacted] (u)

In an article dated March 29, 1954, the Appointee was reported to have made a speech at the Oakland auditorium on March 28, 1954, in which he warned Negroes against organizations purporting to fight for Civil Rights which often purposely raise the cry of racial discrimination to create dissention. He said, "Do not be fooled by these organizations. They seek only to distort and subvert." He declared that a reporter from the "Daily People's World" (DPW), a West Coast Communist newspaper, had been thrown out of the rally because the Communist Party is one of these groups. (u)

The July 29, 1959, issue reflected that the Appointee had been appointed as head of the New Constitutional Rights Section in the California State Department of Justice to protect civil liberties. The article stated that WILLIAMS was a partner in a San Francisco law firm, and was a member of the New York and California Bar Associations. (u)

In an article dated April 1, 1961, it was disclosed that the Appointee had been appointed on March 31, 1961,

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by President KENNEDY to serve as a Special Assistant to Peace Corps Director, SARGENT SHRIVER. (u)

The material in the library at the San Francisco "Chronicle" was reviewed on June 26, 1961. It contained no additional information. (u)

The material on the Appointee at the San Francisco "News Call Bulletin" was reviewed on June 23, 1961. The biographical data as of September 25, 1950, reflected that at that time he resided in Berkeley and had been West Coast Regional Secretary-Counsel for the NAACP since 1945 after graduating as an honor student from Fordham School of Law where he was an Associate Editor of the "Fordham Law Review." He was a veteran of World War II and a former member of the National Planning Board of the American Veterans Committee. He became a member of the New York Bar in 1945 and practiced before the United States Supreme Court in January, 1949. (u)

The Appointee was contacted in connection with an official investigation of the FBI by SA JAMES DUNPHY in January, 1952. At that time the Appointee related instances of his anti-communist feeling and specifically mentioned the expulsion of a chapter of the NAACP in Arizona because it was controlled and dominated by Communists. He advised that his anti-communist sentiments were well-known to the Communist Party. The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as being within the purview of Executive Order 10450. On October 17, 1952, he told SA DUNPHY that any evidence that came to his attention that an individual or even a Chapter of the NAACP was Communist Party controlled he did not hesitate in expelling the individual or even a whole chapter. It was his expressed desire to eliminate all CP members from the ranks of the NAACP. He advised that frequently the NAACP functions were attended only by reporters of the West Coast communist newspaper "The Daily People's World", which sent reporters

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to cover the function. As a result, Appointee's name frequently appeared in the "Daily People's World" with portions of his speech taken out of context. (u)

The "Daily People's World" February 20, 1953, carried an article stating six Northern California Negroes including the Appointee, were formally sworn to the California State Bar on February 11. (u)

The Ninth Report, "Un-American Activities in California 1957," a report to the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on un-American activities to the 1957 regular California Legislature, Sacramento, from pages 109 through 125 refer to the NAACP. (u)

The following is a quote from page 109:

"In order to warn NAACP members against the overtures of these subversive groups and publications, Mr. Franklin Williams, West Coast Regional Officer of the NAACP, issued the following circular: (u)

"Keep your eyes wide open.

"Don't get sucked in!

"These groups, organizations and publications are attempting to mislead the Negro community: California Labor School, Civil Rights Congress (CRC), (National) Negro Labor Council, The Militant (newspaper), People's World (newspaper), Political Affairs (magazine). (u)

"They say they are "working for your civil rights," but they work among us in the interest of the Communist Party or other subversive and un-American movements. (u)

"Check and double-check before you sign petitions, attend meetings, serve on "defense" committees, or join or contribute to questionable organizations. (u)

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"Keep your eyes wide open." (u)

The report stated that this circular was widely read by members of the NAACP throughout the entire West Coast. (u)

The California Labor School, (CRC, National Negro Labor Council have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as within the purview of Executive Order 10450. (u)

"The Militant" is the official newspaper of the Socialist Worker's Party which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as within the purview of Executive Order 10450. (u)

"Political Affairs" was an official CP monthly theoretical magazine. (u)

The Appointee's testimony before this committee is recorded on pages 116 through 125. He discussed the problems of the NAACP experienced in California referring to cases heard, "with callous hypocrisy, the Communist apparatus milked every major case where a Negro had become embroiled with the law in some serious offense, draining the incident of every vestige of its propaganda value and then completely ignoring the individual involved." (u)

It was pointed out in his testimony that the NAACP policy precluded its sending any more news releases or photographs to the "People's World" and, therefore, it should be obvious to the "People's World" that any coverage of affairs, events, conferences, or meetings sponsored by the NAACP is considered undesirable by the NAACP. (u)

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[redacted] NAACP, 690 Market Street, stated she had known the Appointee for 14 years. She stated there was no question in her mind but that he was loyal to the United States and that he is a man of great ability and tremendous energy. She stated he was capable in whatever line of endeavor he attempted, whether it was investigation of a problem on a broad scale or detailed organizational and administrative work. She said she had known him while he was working in a legal capacity for the NAACP in the East and was a neighbor of his when he lived in Berkeley in December, 1950. She had worked with him in the office from 1952 until he obtained a job as Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Fair Employment Practices for the State of California with offices in San Francisco. She has maintained contact with him and his family. She regards [redacted] and the two boys as well mannered, loyal and reputable. She went on to describe the Appointee as a man of initiative, energy and understanding. She recommended him highly for any position of trust with the U. S. Government. She added that he had been untiring in his efforts to oust Communists and all other subversive elements from the NAACP. The interview was on June 27, 1961. (u)

[redacted] on June 27, 1961, stated [redacted] law firm with the Appointee from August, 1957, until he took his position with the State of California in 1959. She described him as a man with a firm, strong personality, as being efficient, conscientious, profoundly intelligent, thorough in his work, and capable in office procedure. She described him as a detached thinker and stated he was above reproach as to character, associates, reputation, and loyalty to the United States. She described him as "inspirational" in laying groundwork for any new programs and recommended him highly for a responsible position with the U. S. Government. (u)

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[redacted] stated that the Appointee was a "1,000 per cent American." He would not question his loyalty to the U. S. Government. [redacted] stated he had known the Appointee since 1957 as a business partner but did not know him in a social way. He stated that the Appointee had been active in the NAACP and that it was his opinion that the Appointee had been sent to the West Coast in order to clean up the subversive elements in the NAACP in that

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area. He stated that the Appointee was relatively inactive in the American Civil Liberties Union as most of his time was taken with the NAACP. He described the Appointee as intelligent, personable, energetic, extremely articulate, and loyal to the U. S. Government. He recommended the Appointee for a responsible job with the U. S. Government. The interview was on June 27, 1961 (u)

[redacted] stated he had known the Appointee well since he came to the San Francisco area in 1950. They had worked closely together in the NAACP and he has visited at his home on numerous occasions. [redacted] stated that the Appointee is aggressive, intelligent, imaginative, very alert, and mentally agile. He stated the only weakness that he could think of the Appointee has is that he has a tendency to "take authority and run away with it." [redacted] stated that this trait had been of considerable benefit to the NAACP because, as a minority group, it was often necessary for a leader to be extraordinarily firm in his stand, but [redacted] questioned whether in a position of "power", the Appointee might have a slight tendency to misuse that power in his desire to get things done. [redacted] recommended the Appointee highly for his responsible position with the Peace Corps. He vouched for the Appointee's loyalty to the United States and stated that he had been untiring in his successful effort to rout out Communists and other subversive elements from the NAACP. He was interviewed on June 27, 1961. (u)

[redacted], on June 27, 1961, stated that he had known the Appointee since he came to California and had worked closely with him in the NAACP. He described the Appointee as able, brilliant, a good citizen who expresses himself well, and recommended him very highly for a responsible position with the U. S. Government. He stated he knew the Appointee both socially and in business. He described [redacted] as a very personable lady and the two sons as well brought up boys. (u)

[redacted] State Attorney General's Office, State Office Building, Civic Center, on June 28, 1961, stated that he had worked with the Appointee for two years while the Appointee was in charge of the Fair Employment Practices Division of the State Attorney General's Office. He described the Appointee as a man of high caliber, well qualified and well suited to his present job as a top administrator in the new Peace Corps. He stated that he had learned of the Appointee's

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present position when the Appointee left his job as Assistant Attorney General. He stated the Appointee had a good knowledge of subversive individuals and organizations and could recognize them. [] said he knew of no one he would recommend more highly for such a job with the U. S. Government. (u)

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Mr. STANLEY MOSK, Attorney General, State of California, State Office Building, San Francisco, stated on June 28, 1961, that he had known the Appointee since 1957 and in October 1959 he had appointed FRANKLIN WILLIAMS to the position of Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Fair Employment Practices Division as a man he felt best qualified for the position and Mr. WILLIAMS had not failed him in any job which he had. Mr. WILLIAMS was equally interested in furthering the interest of all minority groups and Mr. MOSK stated he was very sorry to lose the Appointee but did not want to stand in his way. He described the Appointee as brilliant, articulate, knowledgeable, and conscientious. He would not question the Appointee's loyalty to the United States. He said Appointee had terminated his position as Assistant Attorney General in April 1961 in order to accept his present position with the Peace Corps. (u)

Confidential Informants who have some knowledge of subversive activities, including Communist activities, in Northern California were contacted and have no information indicating membership or sympathy in any subversive organization by Appointee. (u)

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SF T-1, [] advised on February 24, 1959, that Communist Party members in the San Francisco area have always felt that there was nothing that could be done with the NAACP mainly because FRANKLIN WILLIAMS was Regional Director. The Communists, according to SF T-1, consider FRANKLIN WILLIAMS as "quite a reactionary person." (u)

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA BURNIEY THREADGILL, JR. on June 28, 1961:

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

NEIGHBORHOODS

906 Jones Street.

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[redacted] advised that she recalled the WILLIAMS family living at 906 Jones Street in the early 1950s and considered them to be persons of unquestionable character, loyalty, and associates. (u)

[redacted] advised that she has resided in the neighborhood since [redacted] and recalled FRANKLIN WILLIAMS residing at 906 Jones Street, but was unable to recall him well enough to comment concerning his character or loyalty. (u)

[redacted] advised that she has lived in the neighborhood for less than ten years and does not recall the WILLIAMS family residing at 906 Jones Street. (u) ✓

AT ALBANY, CALIFORNIA

1059-C Monroe Street

[redacted] and [redacted] all advised that they had lived in this apartment building for less than ten years and that they are unable to recall WILLIAMS ever having resided there. The apartment building has changed hands since 1950 and is under new management. (u) ✓

There was no arrest record for Appointee at the Albany Police Department (u)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

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[redacted] and [redacted] on June 27, 1961, advised they have been well acquainted with FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, his wife [redacted] and their two sons [redacted] and [redacted] ages approximately [redacted] and [redacted] respectively, since they moved into the residence at 4160 Coulombe in 1954. They stated the WILLIAMS were well regarded in the neighborhood and they knew of no reason to question their loyalty, character or associates [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the WILLIAMS moved to Washington D. C. about a week ago. (u)

The records of the Palo Alto Credit Bureau were searched on June 27, 1961, and satisfactory credit information was found for FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS and wife [redacted] who moved to 4160 Coulombe Drive in July, 1954. The records indicated their two sons were ages [redacted] and [redacted] in 1952. (u)

The records of the Palo Alto Police Department were searched on June 27, 1961, by [redacted] and no information identifiable with WILLIAMS, his wife, or sons was found. (u)

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, on June 28, 1961, advised the records of that office had no information identifiable with WILLIAMS, his wife, or sons. (u)

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The following investigation was conducted by
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[redacted] California State Bar, on June 27, 1961, advised that FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS was admitted to practice February 11, 1953, and has since been a member in good standing. (u)

[redacted] California State Bar, has previously advised that records of grievances filed with the Bar are not available to outside agencies. (u)

The following investigation was conducted by
IC [redacted]

On June 27, 1961, the records of the San Francisco Police Department, checked by [redacted] contained no record of the Appointee. (u)

On June 27, 1961, [redacted] San Francisco Retail Credit Association, advised that the credit record for the Appointee is favorable. (u)

The following investigation was conducted by
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[redacted] of the Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, which includes Berkeley, California, advised on June 27, 1961 that Appointee's credit record is favorable. (u)

The Berkeley Police Department on June 27, 1961, had no record of the Appointee. (u)

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422 Federal Office Building
Civic Center
San Francisco 2, California
June 30, 1961

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

All sources referred to in the report of Special Agent DONALD W. KUNO, dated June 30, 1961, at San Francisco, California, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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REFERENCE:

New York radiogram to Albany and Bureau 6/29/61.

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Title: 161-143

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Employment, Warden Hotel verified. Residence Saratoga Springs, New York verified. Credit and criminal negative.

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DETAILS:AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORKb6
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On June 30, 1961, [REDACTED] Warden Hotel, advised there were no records maintained in the hotel for bellhops back as far as 1941. He stated however that he recalled the applicant very well. He stated that WILLIAMS was employed as a bellboy at the hotel during the Summer months of 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944, and stated that during this time WILLIAMS resided [REDACTED] Saratoga Springs, New York. He stated that WILLIAMS was

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an excellent employee, a man of outstanding character, and a fine American citizen. He stated he was a person who maintained good associates and one whom he would highly recommend for a position of trust.

On June 30, 1961, Sergeant [redacted] Saratoga Springs Police Department, advised there was no record for FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS in the files of this Police Department.

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On June 30, 1961, [redacted] Adirondack Credit Service, Saratoga Springs, New York, advised there was no record of FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS in the files of this Credit Bureau.

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From: Director, FBI (161-749) *16*

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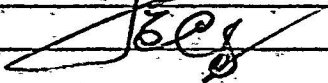
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Baltimore airtel to El Paso dated 6/29/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Inquiry on 7/3/61, at The El Paso Times and Herald-Post Newspapers determined the only record maintained regarding a letter published by either The El Paso Herald-Post or The El Paso Times is the particular edition in which the letter appeared, and this record is kept in the form of microfilm. Inasmuch as referenced communication set forth both letters published by The El Paso Times and The El Paso Herald-Post from the appointee, no effort was made to locate the particular editions reflecting the publication of these letters.

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Office: EL PASO, TEXAS

Date: 7/3/61

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Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Appointee was patient at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas, 10/1/42 to 12/17/42; 4/13/43 to 11/19/43; medical record since retired. Records El Paso Police Department, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, El Paso Credit Bureau, 48th MP (CI) Detachment, Fort Bliss, Texas, and CIC, Fort Bliss, Texas, negative re appointee.

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DETAILS:AT EL PASO, TEXAS:MISCELLANEOUS

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Registrar's Office, William Beaumont General Hospital, advised on July 3, 1961, the only record now available at the hospital regarding the appointee is in the form of an index name card which reflected the appointee as FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS, Private, Army Serial Number 32 333 184, was a patient at William Beaumont General Hospital from October 1, 1942, until December 17, 1942, and again from April 13, 1943, until November 19, 1943. She stated this card further indicated the appointee had been transferred to William Beaumont General Hospital from Fort Huachuca, Arizona. She advised medical records

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regarding the appointee have long since been retired, however, appointee's military record would reflect appointee's medical history.

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On July 3, 1961, [redacted] El Paso Credit Bureau, [redacted] Identification Division, El Paso Police Department, and [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Identification Division, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, advised their respective records did not reflect any information regarding the appointee.

On July 3, 1961, Warrant Officer 1, [redacted] [redacted], 48th Military Police (CI) Detachment, Fort Bliss, Texas, advised their records extend back for only five years, and therefore do not reflect any information regarding the appointee.

On July 3, 1961, Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] Counterintelligence Corps, Fort Bliss, Texas, advised any investigation conducted by his agency at William Beaumont General Hospital in 1943 would now be located at the United States Army Counter Intelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland.

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To: SAC, Philadelphia (161-158)

From: Director, FBI (161-749) *17*

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

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Reurep of SA Paul W. Nolan, 7/3/61.

Rerep does not include verification of former employment as office assistant to H. F. Grim, Lincoln University, 9/37 - 6/41, as set forth in NY airtel 6/23/61.

Urep, page 2, paragraph 3, line 3, should read, ... on an application for Federal employment dated _____, are deceased.

Conduct necessary additional investigation to verify above employment and submit results with amended page 2, urep to reach Bureau on or before 7/11/61 without fail.

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July 3, 1961

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Bureau File No.:

Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY -
PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

WILLIAMS received A.B. degree from Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., 6/3/41. Credit and arrest negative.

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DETAILS:

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At Oxford, Pa.

Lincoln University

On June 29, 1961, [redacted] office of the Registrar, made available the file of FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS which contained the following information:

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He was born October 22, 1917, at Flushing, N. Y., and resided at 144-37 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, N. Y.. Parents are ARTHUR LEE and ALINDA THERESA WILLIAMS. Father was born in New York City and employed as musician. He entered Lincoln University in September 1937 and on June 4, 1941, received an A.B. degree. His major was Philosophy, and his minor was French and Sociology. He was graduated cum laude and ranked third in a class of 68.

In his file is a letter to the Dean of Men dated October 24, 1945, stating he forgot the address he listed on his original application, but believed it to be 33-05 Murray Street, Flushing, N. Y. He said he had been living at 144-37 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, N. Y., prior to admittance. He asked

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the University to state in answer to any inquiry that he lived at 33-05 Murray Street when he registered, and his address had never changed. His reason for this request was that at that period of his life he was "shuttled" back and forth between his uncle's home and his grandfather's home at 144-37 Barclay Avenue, and he was not sure of the dates.

Previous employments are listed as June 1930 to September 1930, messenger, FRANK C. OSMERS, 75 West 47th Street, New York City; June to September 1934, counsellor, New York Urban League; February 1936 to date of application (March 16, 1937) chauffeur, GEORGE PHONG, 543 West 59th Street, New York City.

References

H. F. GRIM, Dr. FRANK T. WILSON, and Dr. W. L. WRIGHT, all formerly associated with Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., and listed as references by WILLIAMS on an application for Federal employment dated 1941, are deceased.

Employment

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On June 29, 1961, [redacted] Office of the Registrar, Lincoln University, advised that there would be no record in WILLIAMS' file of any work performed while a student here. She said this work was administered by each individual department and in most cases no record of any kind is kept. She said all records of employment during Dr. GRIM's association here have been destroyed.

Credit and Arrest

At West Chester, Pa.

On June 29, 1961, [redacted] Chester County Credit Bureau, which covers Oxford, Pa., advised she could find no reference to the name FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS.

At Avondale, Pa.

On June 30, 1961, Trooper [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, advised he could find no reference to the name FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS in his records. He stated this station covers Lincoln University located in Oxford, Pa.

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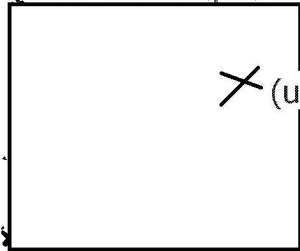
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At New York, New York

Will secure photographs of appointee's signature from Election records and Photostat of Page 554, 1941 CPNP for [redacted] and forward same to FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparison. (u)

Will interview appointee's former employers [redacted] and [redacted] who were unavailable to date and are expected to return from vacations after 7/4/61. (u)

Will attempt to verify employment with Frank C. Osmers, 75 West 47th Street, as a messenger. (u)

Will conduct neighborhood investigation at 144-37 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, NY. (u)

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Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY
PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Education Fordham University Law School verified. Employments, NYC, verified in part. Records clear. Teacher, supervisors, references and neighbors recommend appointee and relatives as to character, associates and loyalty. Information set forth concerning Dr. MAY E. CHINN, reference and godmother of appointee. Credit clear. No arrest record. BSS, NYCPD records reflect FRANKLIN WILLIAMS sponsor of New York Youth Council. FRANKLIN WILLIAMS listed on program of Queens Conference for Democratic Legislation as panel speaker and reported as speaker at protest rally. Member of National Lawyers Guild. Listed in "New Leader" as among leaders of party line caucus of MAC, AVC. (S)(u)

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DETAILS

Education

Fordham University Law School
302 Broadway
New York, City

On June 27, 1961, the records of the School of Law, Fordham University, 302 Broadway, were made available to SA VINCENT F. CLANCY by [REDACTED] and revealed that FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS, 511 Macon Street, Brooklyn, attended Fordham Law School from September 22, 1941 to April 23, 1942 when he entered military service and from February 7, 1944 to May 27, 1944 when he completed his first year; his second year was June 12, 1944 to January 27, 1945 while the third year was February 1, 1945-September 15, 1945, receiving his LLB degree. His date of birth was shown as October 22, 1917, Queens. (u)

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His average was listed as 87.59. (u)

The records revealed that he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lincoln University in 1941. (u)

It was indicated that he was honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces and later attended school under the GI Bill. (u)

The files contained nothing of a derogatory nature. (u)

On June 27, 1961, Professor GEORGE W. BACON, Fordham Law School, advised SA CLANCY that he recalled WILLIAMS as an excellent student and an industrious and hard working individual whose loyalty he did not question. Based on his limited teacher-student relationship, he said that he would recommend WILLIAMS for a position of trust. (u)

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[redacted] Registrar, substantiated above comments on June 27, 1961 and also indicated that there are no other members of the faculty available who might recall WILLIAMS. (u)

Employments

It is noted that the appointee listed employments only with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from 1945 to 1959 and with the State of California. Additional employments for the appointee were reflected in his Application for Admission to the Practice of Law in the records of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and also in an application for Federal employment dated January, 1942. (u)

NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

On June 27, 1961, [redacted] and [redacted] stated that they have been acquainted with FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS since he came to work for this organization in 1945. He worked on the legal staff of the organization in New York City until 1950 and thereafter became Regional Secretary and Counsel on the west coast with headquarters at San Francisco. In October, 1959 he was placed on leave of absence to accept employment with the State of California. (u)

They were not intimate social acquaintances of the appointee but knew him well as an employee and described him as a capable, conscientious, intelligent and industrious young man who is imaginative, energetic and personable. (u)

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There has never been any question concerning his loyalty or reputation and he is a man of fine character and good habits who is genuinely interested in his work, his home and his family. They stated that he would make an excellent representative for the United States Government and highly recommended him for a federal appointment. (u)

[redacted] advised that her records reflect that the appointee commenced his employment on November 15, 1945, coming to this organization from Fordham Law School. At that time he lived at 249 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, New York. His Social Security Number is 090-05-2622. (u)

[redacted] stated that he had not been acquainted with the appointee prior to his employment, however, he had heard of the appointee's activities in the American Veterans Committee (AVC) particularly his work against attempts of leftist elements to control the AVC. He stated that the appointee, while with the NAACP, worked against attempts of leftist elements to infiltrate the NAACP and was a prime factor in the success of the NAACP in stopping this infiltration in 1949 and 1950. He had also been very militant in his opposition to attempted penetration of the NAACP by leftist elements while acting as regional secretary on the west coast. He concluded that there is absolutely no question concerning the applicant's loyalty to the United States. (u)

They stated that due to changes in personnel in the past ten years, there is no other employee who would have known the appointee well. (u)

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National Distillers and
Chemical Corporation
99 Park Avenue
New York, New York

[redacted] advised
SA [redacted] on June 29, 1961 that the only record
available concerning the employment of FRANKLIN WILLIAMS
was a card indicating he had been employed as a part-time
messenger from February 7 to May 11, 1944 and he resigned
voluntarily. His residence was listed as 511 Macon Street,
Brooklyn, New York. (u) ✓

[redacted] Passenger Traffic,
the appointee's listed supervisor, stated to SA [redacted] on
June 29, 1961 that he could not recall the employee. (u) ✓

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R. W. Whaley
277 Broadway
New York, New York

Mrs. RUTH WHITEHEAD WHALEY, 1867 7th Avenue, New York City, stated on June 29, 1961 that she had operated a law office at 277 Broadway prior to the time she entered on her present career as a city employee. FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS had been recommended to her by the late Dean of Fordham Law School and she employed him as a clerk in her law office until he entered the United States Army. This employment extended over a period of about nine months. She found him to be a very satisfactory employee who was resourceful, well rounded and a person of good character, conduct and reputation. From her association with him as an employee and from her subsequent contacts with him she highly recommended him for a government appointment as a capable and conscientious individual of the finest character and associates and a completely loyal American citizen. (u)

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New York City Mission Society
Care of St. Mark's Church
137th Street and St. Nicholas
Avenue
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[redacted] St. Mark's Church,
137th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, advised SA [redacted]
on June 29, 1961 that he was not associated with this
church in 1940, however, he is acquainted with FRANKLIN H.
WILLIAMS. He recommended the appointee as a person of fine
character who is reliable, trustworthy, energetic and
diligent. He stated there is absolutely no reason to
question the appointee's loyalty to the United States.
He stated that the church has no records concerning
camp counselors and suggested that [redacted]
would be the only one who might recall the appointee. (u)

[redacted]
New York, advised SA [redacted] on June 29, 1961 that he
recalled FRANKLIN WILLIAMS as an employee who assisted in
the camping program during the summer time between school
terms. He recalled him as an entirely satisfactory employee
who was responsible and dependable. He stated that there
had never been any reason to question the appointee's
loyalty to the United States. (u)

Verification of this employment in Bar Admission
records reflected he worked at Camp Minisink, Port Jervis,
New York. (u)

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S. and H. Kress and Company
444 5th Avenue
New York, New York

On June 27, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] 444 5th Avenue, and [redacted] Main Office,
111 5th Avenue, advised that they have no record of
employment under the name of FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS and
they have no employees who might recall him. (u)

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The records of the Supreme Court of the State
of New York concerning the appointee's admission to the
practice of law contained an affidavit by [redacted]
dated October 20, 1941 in which he identifies himself
as [redacted] and states that the
appointee had been employed by S. and H. Kress and Company
at 444 5th Avenue, New York City, as a kitchen employee.
In his application for admission he had listed employment
with this company from June, 1936 to August, 1937 and
during the summers of 1938 and 1939. (u)

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New York Urban League
202 West 136th Street
New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] on June 29, 1961:

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[] stated that she had no records of personnel employed prior to 1942. She suggested that [] who would have been the appointee's supervisor, might recall him. (u)

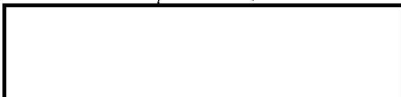
[] advised that he held the position of [] during the period 1933 and 1934 and recalled that FRANKLIN WILLIAMS worked as a camp counselor during the summer at Camp Urban, Peekskill, New York, and Camp Farley, Poughkeepsie, New York. His acquaintance with the appointee has continued to the present date and they visit each other socially. He stated that he considers Mr. WILLIAMS to be of excellent character, reputation and associates and a completely loyal and trustworthy American citizen whom he highly recommended for government employment. (u)

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Palace Chow Mein Company
West 59th Street
New York, New York



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In January, 1942 the above employers were listed by the appointee in an application for Federal employment. No listing could be located for these employers in the New York City telephone directory on June 26, 1961. New York T-3, a firm which maintains records of other business concerns in the New York City area, advised on June 30, 1961 that the Palace Chow Mein Company went out of business in 1949 and there was no record of [redacted] Appointee claimed employment with Palace Chow Mein Company from June, 1936 to September, 1937 and with [redacted] from September, 1941 to January, 1942. (u)

Little Brown Schoolhouse
New York, New York

Records of the appointee's admission to the New York Bar contained an affidavit from HELEN M. MEADE, 15-19 East 111th Street, New York, stating that she had known the appointee as a camp counsellor at Camp Urban and as an employee of the Little Brown Schoolhouse, a private school which she operated. He was employed from June, 1934 to June, 1935. (u)

There is no current listing in the New York City telephone directory for HELEN M. MEADE or the Little Brown Schoolhouse, and on June 30, 1961 SA BRODY and SA SAVIOLA observed that the Iglesia Pentacostal presently occupied the address of 15-19 East 111th Street, and inquiries of numerous persons in the area failed to develop any information concerning the Little Brown Schoolhouse or HELEN MEADE. All of the individuals interviewed were Puerto Rican and declined to identify themselves. (u)

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References

[redacted]
[redacted] and Dr. MAY CHINN, M. D., 100 La Salle Street,
New York, were interviewed on June 27, 1961 by SA [redacted]

[redacted] *MAY Edward J. Chinn*

[redacted] said he has known the appointee for approximately 15 years having first met him as a member of a veterans organization. Dr. CHINN stated that she had been acquainted with the appointee's parents before his birth and is his godmother. (u)

Both references highly recommended the appointee for a government position as a person of exemplary character and conduct, who is intelligent, resourceful, reliable and trustworthy. They stated that there is absolutely no question concerning his loyalty to the United States and his complete opposition to Communism. (u)

Dr. CHINN stated that the appointee's mother died after he was about one year old and his father, who was a musician, left the appointee and his two older brothers to be raised by their maternal grandparents. They remained with the grandparents in Flushing, New York, and other relatives contributed to the support of the children. After the death of the grandparents they lived for a time with a maternal uncle, GEORGE LOWRY and then the appointee resided from time to time with his brothers in Brooklyn, New York, who at that time were married. The appointee worked since he was in his teens at various jobs in order to secure funds to defray his college education expenses. He defrayed these educational expenses entirely by himself and as an example of his perseverance Dr. CHINN pointed out that when he entered college he came to her and exhibited bank books showing savings over a period of years in the amount of less than a dollar a week and expressed his intentions to secure a college education. He requested her

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financial assistance in the event that he was unable to secure sufficient funds from his savings and his work. Dr. CHINN stated that she considered it a great credit to the appointee that he had this foresight and also that he was able to defray his expenses without calling on her. She stated that the appointee's father, who has been dead now for about 15 years, did not support the family. His brother, ARTHUR WILLIAMS, is employed as a fireman by the City of New York and his brother [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]
[redacted]
New York T-1 furnished information in 1944 that Dr. MAY EDWARD CHINN, 409 Edgecomb Avenue, New York, New York, was a member of the Negro Labor Victory Committee as of August, 1944. (u)

The Negro Labor Victory Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

(u) (New York T-2) furnished a catalog of the George Washington Carver School, New York, for the winter term 1944 and among the listed courses and instructors was CHINN, MAY EDWARD, guest lecturer "Health for the Citizen". (u)

George Washington Carver School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

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Neighborhoods

2235 5th Avenue
New York, New York

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On June 28, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] Administration Office, Riverton Houses, 2156 Madison Avenue, New York, advised SA FRANK BYDLON that her records indicate that FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS occupied Apartment 7-B, 2235 5th Avenue, from August, 1947 to September, 1950. He resided there with his wife [redacted] and a son [redacted]. [redacted] His former address was 249 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, New York. (u)

[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] advised SA BYDLON on June 28, 1961 that they were acquainted with the appointee and regarded him as an excellent tenant and a person of fine character, reputation and associates and a completely loyal American citizen. (u)

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on June 29, 1961 that he has known the appointee for over 20 years and is acquainted with his brother ARTHUR, who resides at the same address as [redacted]. (u)

[redacted] advised on June 29, 1961 that she was acquainted with the appointee since the time he attended Lincoln University and they renewed their acquaintanceship in 1947 when the appointee moved into this residence. (u)

[redacted] and [redacted] stated that the appointee and his relatives are all people of fine character, conduct, reputation and associates and completely loyal American citizens. They highly recommended the appointee for an appointment to the federal government. (u)

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249 Decatur Street
Brooklyn, New York

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The following investigation was conducted on
June 30, 1961 by SAS JAMES D. BRODY and ALESIO SAVIOLA. (u)

[redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] stated that they knew FRANKLIN WILLIAMS
by sight and by reputation, but were not personally
acquainted with him. They pointed out that he resided at
249 Decatur Street which is the residence of his mother-
in-law, Mrs. E. BROYARD. They stated that from their limited
knowledge of the appointee, nothing has ever come to their
attention which would reflect unfavorably on his character,
conduct, reputation, loyalty or associates, and they would
recommend him for government employment. (u)

511 Macon Street
Brooklyn, New York

The following investigation was conducted on
June 30, 1961 by SA BRODY and SA SAVIOLA. (u)

[redacted]
[redacted], and [redacted]
[redacted]
all advised that they recalled that the appointee and his
brothers had resided at 511 Macon Street. [redacted]
family enjoyed a good reputation as people of good conduct,
character and associates and as loyal American citizens.
They were quiet, sincere, and religious men. They recommended
the appointee for government employment. (u)

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] advised that they were not acquainted with
the appointee or his brothers. (u)

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33-05 Murray Street
Flushing, New York

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The following investigation was conducted on
June 30, 1961 by SA BERNARD G. HARRINGTON. (u)

[redacted]
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[redacted] who have resided here [redacted] years,
[redacted] years, and [redacted] years respectively, stated that they are
acquainted with Dr. JOHN EDWARD LOWRY, 33-05 Murray Street
and regard him as a person of fine character and reputation,
and a loyal American. [redacted] stated that she has
met the appointee at Dr. LOWRY's home and it is her under-
standing that Dr. LOWRY had the appointee living in his home
as a young boy. She stated that she was highly impressed
by the appointee and knew of no reason to question his
reputation or loyalty. [redacted] and [redacted] were not
acquainted with the appointee. (u)

[redacted] who is a close friend of the LOWRY
family, stated she knew of no other neighbor who might
be acquainted with the appointee. (u)

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Credit

On June 27, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised IC [redacted] that her files contain no information identifiable with the appointee, his wife, [redacted] his parents, ARTHUR and ALINDA WILLIAMS, on his brother, ARTHUR WILLIAMS and his sister-in-law, [redacted]. She did have a record concerning [redacted] and his wife [redacted] formerly of [redacted] which reflected no unfavorable information. (u)

On June 30, 1961, [redacted] Westchester Credit Bureau, 300 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, New York, advised SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, Jr. that his files contain no record identifiable with the appointee. (u)

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Port Jervis, New York, advised SA [redacted] on June 29, 1961 that her files contained no record identifiable with the appointee. (u)

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Poughkeepsie, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised SA LOWELL W. BARTON on June 28, 1961 his files contain no record identifiable with FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS. (u)

Arrest

Chief of Police EDWARD CULLINANE, Police Department, Port Jervis, New York, advised SA [redacted] that his files on 6/29/61, contain no record identifiable with the appointee. (u)

Lieutenant [redacted] Police Department, Peekskill, New York, advised SA STEVENSON on June 30, 1961 that his files contain no record concerning the appointee. (u)

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[redacted] Identification Officer, Sheriff's Office, Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised SA LOWELL W. BARTON on June 28, 1961 that his files contain no record identifiable with the appointee. (u)

On June 26, 27 and 28, 1961, SA DAVID G. JENKINS caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by Deputy [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; Lieutenant [redacted] Information Unit; Lieutenant [redacted] Old Record Room (all of above of New York City Police Department); [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record was located identifiable with the appointee or his relatives. (u)

Miscellaneous

On June 27, 1961, SA JENKINS caused the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, to be checked by [redacted]. No record was located for the appointee's relatives. He did have information that FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS, Chairman, New York Metropolitan Area Council, AVC, born in Flushing, New York in 1917, was a member of the Board of Sponsors of the New York Youth Council as of January 26, 1948. (u)

A characterization of the New York Youth Council appears in the Appendix of this report. (u)

New York T-4 made available on February 10, 1947 a program of the Queens Conference for Democratic Legislation scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 1947 at the First Reformed Church, Kew Gardens, Queens, New York. FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, Chairman of the AVC, Metropolitan Area Council was listed as a speaker on the panel. (X)(u)

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A characterization of the Queens Conference for Democratic Legislation appears in the Appendix of this report. (u)

The "Daily Worker", December 16, 1947, pages three and ten, reflects an article related to the banning of speakers at universities in New York City. The speakers banned were identified as ARNOLD JOHNSON, Communist Party (CP) Legislative Director and HOWARD FAST, under three months sentence for contempt for the Thomas Un-American Committee. The article related that FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, State Chairman of the AVC, was to be among the speakers on December 22 at a protest rally. HOWARD FAST was another scheduled speaker. (u)

(u)(X) New York T-5 advised in December, 1949] that FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS, 20 West 40th Street, New York, New York, was a member of the National Lawyers Guild. (u)

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild appears in the Appendix of this report. (u)

New York T-6 advised on March 21, 1956 that [redacted] was expelled from the NAACP by FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS after [redacted] has been accused of having been a member of the CP of Colorado at a meeting on March 20, 1956 where Mr. WILLIAMS was present. (X)(u)

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"The New Leader", March 8, 1947, page five, contains an article concerning the Peoples Radio Foundation, Incorporated and states that this organization was invaded by KNOBEL and FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS and others described as "leaders of the party line caucus in the AVC" to present a playlet on housing at a rally sponsored by the Metropolitan Area Council AVC. (u)

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An article in the "New York Times" on October 28, 1956 reflected that the "progressive" or "left wing" faction of the Metropolitan Area Council of the AVC had been re-elected including incumbent chairman FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS. (u)

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 13, 1946, page five, contained an article relating to the election of officers of the Metropolitan Area Council AVC and reported that LAWRENCE KNOBEL had been charged by JOHN ELLIS, former Lieutenant Commander in the Navy and Republican Party Leader, as being a red and KNOBEL was quoted as saying "I neither affirm nor deny the charge that I am a member of the Communist Party because it's none of your business whether or not I am." (u)

Records of the Board of Election in the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York, as reviewed on June 28 and 30, 1961 by IC [redacted] and IC [redacted] respectively were found to contain registrations with major political party preferences by the appointee and his relatives. (u)

The records of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, Brooklyn, New York, as reviewed on June 28, 1961 revealed that the appointee had been admitted to the practice of law in the State of New York after having passed the Law Examination on October 18, 1945. In his application he listed the following employments:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (at time of application)

✓ [redacted]
October to November, 1945

✓ [redacted]
April, 1944 to October, 1945 (u)

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✓ National Distillers Corporation, 120 Broadway,
New York February, 1944 to April, 1944

✓ Ruth Whitehead Whaley, 277 Broadway, New York
September, 1941 to May, 1942

New Warden Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York
July, 1941 to September, 1941

✓ New York City Mission Society, 105 East 22nd
Street, New York Summer, 1940 (u)

✓ S. and H. Kress and Company, 5th Avenue and
39th Street, New York
June, 1936 - August, 1937; summers of 1938 and 1939

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✓ Helen Mc Intosh Meade, School and Camp Director,
New York June, 1934 - September, 1935

All of the foregoing were verified by the employers
except employment with S. and H. Kress and Company. (u)

Several confidential informants who have knowledge
of some Communist Party activities in the New York City
area advised during June, 1961 that the appointee and his
relatives were not known to them (u)

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

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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 Lawyers' Guild":

"National Lawyers' Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. 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.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, 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 * * * National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these 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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NEW YORK YOUTH COUNCIL

On March 10, 1947, [redacted] furnished SA [redacted] with a letter dated January 18, 1947, headed "Bronx County, Communist Party, 124 E. 170th St.," addressed to "Dear Comrade" and under the name [redacted]

[redacted] Attached to this letter was a memorandum captioned "Memorandum on the New York Youth Council" which the letter reflects "should be helpful in organizing your work" referring to a plan of activities to be drawn up "by the Section Organizer, Vets Director, Youth Director, Youth Branch President, and a Comrade from each of the youth mass organizations." (u)

The memorandum reflects that the purpose and origin of the New York Youth Council is as follows:

"PURPOSE: To answer a long felt need to coordinate the efforts of the youth and youth serving organizations of New York.... (u)

"ORIGIN: The New York Youth Council is the result of a reception meeting held May 12, 1946, in behalf of the American delegates to the World Youth Conference in London in November, 1945, where the World Federation of Democratic Youth was formed. At this meeting it was agreed that a New York Youth Council should be organized." (u)

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report of 1948, page 54, reflects that the World Youth Conference was an international gathering in London in November, 1945, at which a commission was created which developed the completely Communist dominated World Federation of Democratic Youth. (u)

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The last reported activity of this organization was reflected in the "Daily Worker" issue of January 15, 1948, page seven, column two, wherein the New York Youth Council was called upon to coordinate and organize a mass delegation to participate in the fight against Universal Military Training. (u)

The "Daily Worker" is a former east coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958. (u)

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APPENDIX

QUEENS CONFERENCE FOR
DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATION

New York T-7 advised that many prominent Communist Party members were active in the Queens Conference For Democratic Legislation and had attended the Conference on February 8, 1947. He further related that literature of the Conference had been distributed to all of the Party members in the Sunnyside section of the Communist Party through the Communist Party channels and that all Party members had been urged to attend the Conference on February 8, 1947. (S)(u)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
July 3, 1961

Title FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS.

Reference is made to the report of Special
Agent Joseph P. Finnegan, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/5/61	Investigative Period 6/21-7/5/61
TITLE OF CASE FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS		Report made by MAURICE G. AUSTIN	Typed By: hds
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPI - PEACE CORPS	

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCES

Bureau letter dated 6/20/61.
New York airtel dated 6/23/61.
Baltimore airtel dated 6/29/61.

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INFORMANT

T-1 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised SA W. WILLIS FISHER on 7/3/61.

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed, and a T symbol was utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

It is to be noted the applicant listed American Veterans Committee, Wash., D. C., 1945-1948 as area president. The applicant listed his residence from 1937 to 1950 as being in New York. WFO indices contain no record regarding the applicant in connection with the American Veterans Committee.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report the results of agency checks at CIA and G-2 when available.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: MAURICE G. AUSTIN

Date: 7/5/61

Office: Washington, D. C.

Field Office File No.: 161-493

Bureau File No.:

Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Employment satisfactory. Neighborhood verified. No local credit or police record regarding applicant and spouse. Information contained in files of CSC, HCUA utilized. OSI no record. Passport set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENT

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The following investigation at the Peace Corps was conducted by SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER on June 23, 1961: Referral/Consult



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Referral/Consult

NEIGHBORHOOD

Referral/Consult

On June 30, 1961, SA W. WILLIS FISHER determined by physical observation at 1601 Kalmia Road, N. W., that a woman and two teenage boys apparently resided at 1601 Kalmia Road, N. W. It was noted there were numerous boxes and cartons observed in the garage and alleyway.

On June 30, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 1601 Kalmia Road, N. W., advised SA FISHER the tenants at 1601 Kalmia Road, N. W., are new, and they are not familiar with them.

On July 3, 1961, WF T-1, who is familiar with the area in the vicinity of 1601 Kalmia Road, advised that FRANKLIN WILLIAMS and his family have been receiving correspondence at 1601 Kalmia Road, N. W., for several weeks, and FRANKLIN WILLIAMS and his family presently reside at 1601 Kalmia Road, N. W.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

On June 29, 1961, IC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated regarding the applicant and his spouse, [REDACTED], and no record was located.

On June 29, 1961, SE [REDACTED] searched the files of the Metropolitan Police Department regarding the applicant and his spouse, and no record was located.

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On June 29, 1961, IC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Park Police regarding the applicant and his spouse, and no record was located.

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On June 27, 1961, IC [] searched the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, regarding the applicant, and information contained therein was utilized during the course of this investigation.

On June 22, 1961, IC [] searched the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding the applicant, and information contained therein was utilized during the course of this investigation.

On June 26, 1961, IC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, regarding the applicant, and no record was located.

On June 27, 1961, IC [] reviewed the applicant's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, and the following information was noted:

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The applicant's fingerprints were checked against the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and no arrest record was found.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 161-493

Washington, D. C.

July 5, 1961

Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Reference Report of Special Agent Maurice G.
Austin dated July 5, 1961.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

WF T-1 is in a position to furnish reliable information and is familiar with the area in the vicinity of 1601 Kalmia Road, N.W., Washington, D. C.

2cc Peace Corps
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (161-749)

DATE: 7/10/61

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (161-158)

SUBJECT: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPECIAL INQUIRY -
PEACE CORPS

Re report of SA PAUL W. NOLAN dated 7/3/61 at Philadelphia and Bureau airtel to Philadelphia dated 7/6/61.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of amended page two of referenced report.

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- 1 - Philadelphia (161-158)

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Re: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPI - PC

File # 161-749 - 21
Lab. # D-371864 CJ

7/11/61

Examination requested by: FBI, New York (161-453)

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 7/13/61

Result of Examination:

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Examination by:

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2. Evd Retained.

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Specimens submitted for examination

Qc1 Photostat of page 554 of 1941 CPNP for candidate
bearing the name and address "Franklin Williams"

Kc1 Six photographs of the signatures of FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS, obtained from records of the Board of Elections, New York, N.Y., for the years 1941, 1945, and 1946

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATT: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : *KP* SAC, NEW YORK (161-453)

SUBJECT: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
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DATE: 7/11/61

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Enclosed herewith by registered mail are six photographs of the signatures of FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS from records of the Board of Elections, New York, New York, for the years 1941, 1945 and 1946 (two of each year) and a photostat of page 554, 1941 Communist Party Nominating Petition for candidate [redacted] bearing the signature of FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, [redacted]

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The Laboratory is requested to compare the WILLIAMS signature on the petition with the Board of Elections signatures of FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS to determine if all were written by the same person.

The enclosures may be retained by the Laboratory and the Special Inquiry Section should be advised of the results of the examination.

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DIRECTOR, FBI
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FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
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Re: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
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File # 161-749 - 21
Lab. # D-371864 CJ

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Examination requested by: FBI, New York (161-453)

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 7/13/61

Result of Examination:

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New York 161-453

Six Board of Election signatures
of FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS
One photostat of CPNE

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The foregoing statements are true.

Franklin H. Williams

The foregoing statements are true.

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The foregoing statements are true.

Franklin H. Williams

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The foregoing statements are true.	
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The foregoing statements are true.

Franklin H. Williams

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TITLE OF CASE FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS		Report made by: <div></div>	Typed By: clp
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES

Report of SA dated 7/3/61 at
El Paso.

Bureau airtel to El Paso dated 7/6/61.

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This report does not complete the investigation. You will be furnished with additional information when it is received.

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: EL PASO

Date:

July 11, 1961

Field Office File No.: EP 161-12

Bureau File No.: 161-749

Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Review of El Paso Times publication of May 28, 1943, and El Paso Herald-Post publication of August 24, 1943, reflects appointee's letters which are hereinafter set forth verbatim.

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DETAILS:AT EL PASO, TEXASMISCELLANEOUS

On July 10, 1961, [REDACTED] El Paso Times, made available the microfilm maintained by his department regarding the El Paso Times publication for May 28, 1943. A review of this publication revealed the following letter on Page 17 under the caption "Speaking the Public Mind:"

"Editor, El Paso Times

"Since my first day of hospitalization here in El Paso, I have been a regular and satisfied reader of your paper. However, now we have come to the parting of the ways, as I find myself in sharp disagreement with your editorial policy in re the "Poll Tax Bill" - a fundamental disagreement which strikes to the very roots of my belief in the cause for which I am fighting.

"We are a nation at war! A nation fighting to preserve for ourselves and to extend to others certain basic principles of government fundamental to a working democracy. Since this is our professed purpose, let us set the example. You condemn those members of Congress who insist on the passage of an 'Anti-Poll Tax Bill' now - and in the same breath say that the South 'is coming out of its swaddling clothes.' If this be true, if the South is truly 'growing-up' at last, then let them demonstrate this by granting freedom of the polls - at least in federal elections - to the citizens of their respective states regardless of their ability or inability to pay a tax.

"We all know that the 'raison d'etre' of the poll tax laws. We all know - though some won't admit - that they were originally established for the express purpose of disfranchising a large portion of the Southern people because of their race or economic status. Is this just? Is this a democratic act? Is this one of the principles for which million of us are fighting and thousands dying? Is this one of the practices we are holding out to the peoples of the various conquered nations? I say 'It is not!' - It is rather, one the things we are frankly ashamed of.

"The people of El Paso have expressed themselves publicly quite vociferously concerning many national and local problems threatening our total war effort. Let them now make themselves heard in Washington concerning this cancer on democracy's back of which all true Americans are ashamed.

"Why should a bill to grant a just privilege to American citizens cause disunity? The individuals to be condemned are not the backers of the bill, but rather those men in Congress who will, with no compunction whatever, filibuster for days on end in order to prevent American citizens from enjoying the full fruits of this

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blessing. Such men are as traitors in acting thusly as 5th columnists, strikers, and draft-dodgers; nay they are worse, as they defile the sacred halls of Congress with their flaunted bigotry and prejudice.

- Pvt. Franklin Williams
William Beaumont General Hospital"

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On July 11, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] for the El Paso Herald-Post, made available the microfilm maintained by her department regarding the El Paso Herald-Post publication for August 24, 1943. A review of this publication revealed the following letter on Page 4 under the caption "Thinking Out Loud" and under the subheading "Why Negro Press Does As It Does" by Private FRANKLIN WILLIAMS:

"Some weeks ago you paper editorially supported Westbrook Pegler in his condemnation of the Negro press. Having read some of those papers at various times, I disagree with your allegations concerning them. I have since your statements, familiarized myself with the history, personnel and general policies of the Negro press from the time of its first publication in 1827 to the present.

"My general impressions have been as follows: Negro newspapers stress mistreatment of colored people, because mistreatment is a fact, and the white press ignores it or plays it down. They bend over backward in giving credit to white people even when they make only a gesture of being fair.- as observe the play given by them to Mrs. Roosevelt, Pearl Buck, and Wendell Willkie. But when Negroes are beaten and killed, exploited and robbed, insulted and humiliated because they were fortunate or unfortunate enough to be born Negroes; their press would be worthless if it remained silent.

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"Newspapers are supposed to report the news, stressing that which is of the greatest importance to the greatest number. This rule compels Negro newspapers to prominently report cases of discrimination, segregation and humiliation, because of color and they'd have no *raison d'etre* if they didn't.

William Beaumont Hospital"



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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To: **FBI, New York (161-453)**

Date: **July 18, 1961**

Re: **FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPI - PC**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **161-749-21**
Lab. No. **D-371864 CJ**

Examination requested by: **New York**

Reference: **Letter 7/11/61**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

A copy of this report has been furnished the
Special Inquiry Section of the Special Investigative
Division.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, New York
Re: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPI - PC

Date: July 18, 1961
FBI File No. 161-749
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Specimens received 7/13/61

Qc1 Photostat of page 554 of 1941 CPNP for candidate [redacted]
bearing the name and address "Franklin Williams" [redacted]
[redacted]

Kc1 Six photographs of the signatures of FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS
obtained from records of the Board of Elections, New York,
N. Y., for the years 1941, 1945, and 1946

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the Franklin Williams signature
on line 2 of specimen Qc1 was not written by the writer of
the Williams signatures on specimen Kc1.

Specimens Qc1 and Kc1 are retained in the files of
this Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPT - PEACE CORPS	

REFERENCE

WFO pending report of SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN dated 7/5/61, and BAairtel dated 6/29/61.

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Date: 7/11/61

Office: Washington, D. C.

Field Office File No.: 161-493

Bureau File No.:

Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

CIA no pertinent identifiable information. Files of G-2, Pentagon, reviewed and set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.MISCELLANEOUS

On July 5, 1961, SA [] caused a search to be made of the Central Intelligence Agency files regarding the applicant and no pertinent identifiable information was located.

On July 7, 1961, IC [] reviewed the G-2 files pertaining to FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS at the Intelligence Record Section, Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, Department of the Army, Pentagon, and the following information was noted:

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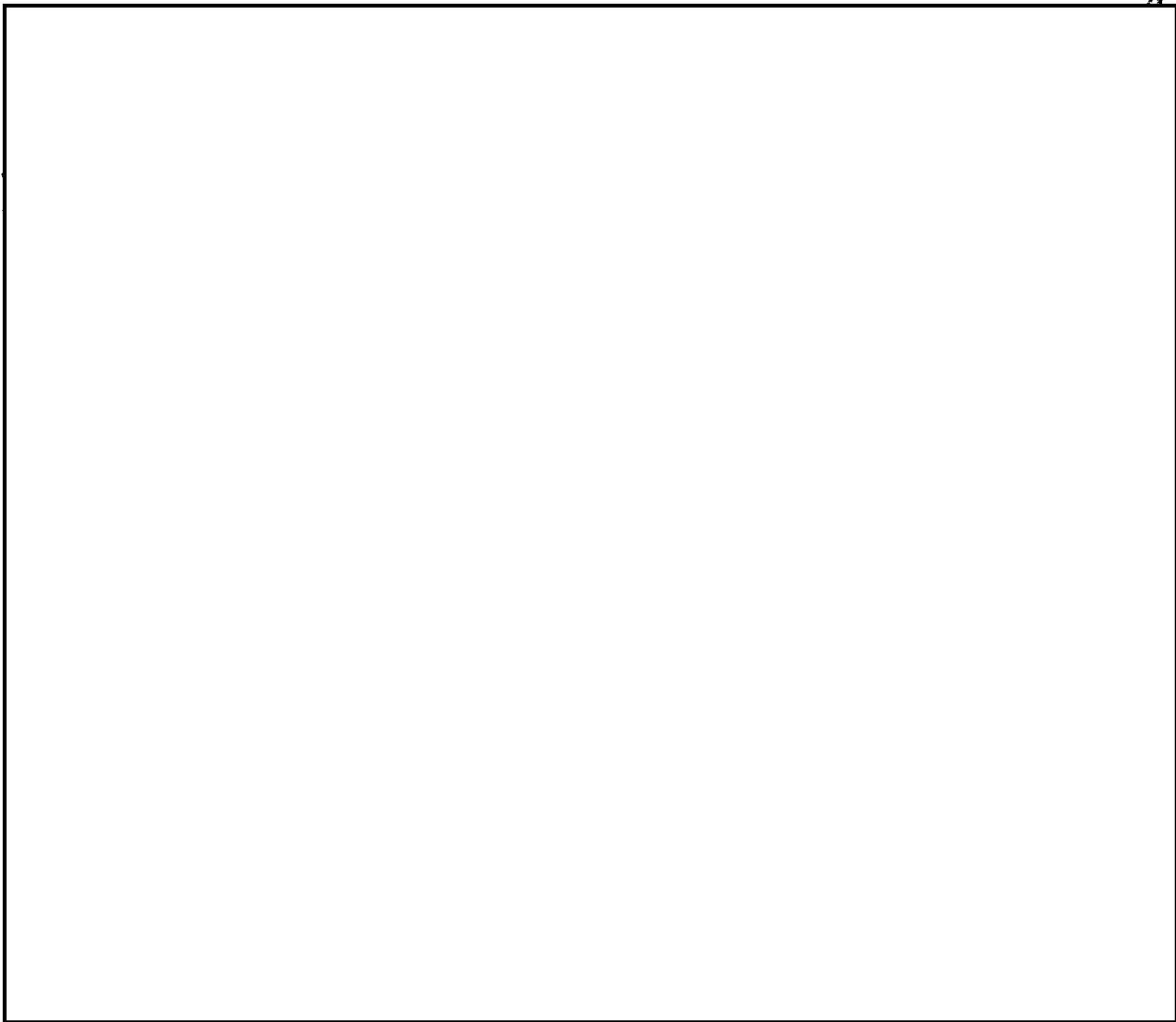
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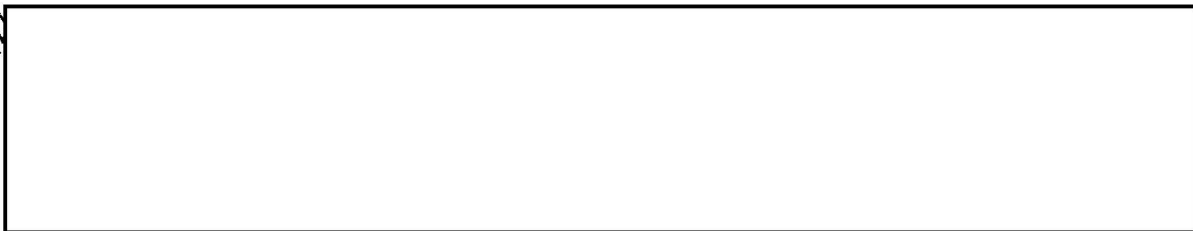
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No additional pertinent information was contained
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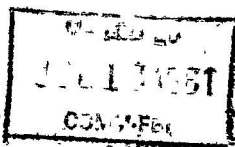
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Philadelphia airtel of 6/30/61, sets forth employment for the appointee by GEORGE PHONG, 545 West 59th Street, NYC, NY, during 1936, and by the New York Urban League in 1934. Investigation concerning

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these employments was set forth in the reNYrep and it would appear that the employment by GEORGE PHONG would be identical with the employment by the Palace Chow Mein Company, West 59th Street, NY, NY. There is no listing in the current NYC telephone directory for GEORGE PHONG. (u)

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
NY T-3 [redacted]	Instant report (u)

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Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol was utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed. (u)

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FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

Employments by [] and []
[] verified. Appointee recommended.
Present residents in vicinity of former
residence, Flushing, NY, do not recall
appointee. (4)

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DETAILS

Employment

[redacted] Attorney

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[redacted] Attorney, advised on July 5, 1961, that he had employed FRANKLIN WILLIAMS in his law office just prior to the time that the appointee had gone to work for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He had been employed for a period of between one and two years. In addition, [redacted] has been in contact with the appointee and had visited him while he was employed in the office of the Attorney General of the State of California. He stated that he found the appointee to be a pleasant, capable and loyal employee who was devoted to his work and who could be relied upon to give his work that little bit of extra effort which made him an outstanding employee. He stated that he felt he knew the appointee well enough to be able to comment objectively on his loyalty to the United States and stated that there is absolutely no question concerning the appointee's loyalty and he has never evidenced sympathy for any subversive philosophy. He highly recommended the appointee for a responsible government position. (u)

[redacted] Attorney, advised on

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July 5, 1961, that FRANKLIN WILLIAMS had been employed in his law office for a period of several months in 1945. He found him to be a very fine person who was intelligent and responsible and who performed his duties in this law office to the utmost satisfaction of his employer. He had been recommended to [redacted] by a friend now deceased and came with the highest recommendations. [redacted] has had no contact except one casual chance meeting with the appointee since his employment. Based upon his brief association with the appointee as an employee, he stated that he would recommend him to a responsible government position and he had no reason to question the appointee's loyalty. (u)

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FRANK C. OSMERS
75 West 47th Street
New York, New York

[redacted] advised on July 6, 1961, that he has owned this building for the past 14 years and he has never had a tenant by the name of FRANK C. OSMERS. It is noted that this building and the surrounding area is occupied principally by individuals engaged in the jewelry business. (u)

The New York City telephone directory was reviewed on July 6, 1961, and no listing was located under the name of FRANK C. OSMERS. (u)

(u)(x) [New York T-3,] a firm which maintains information concerning other business firms in the New York City area, advised on July 5, 1961, that there was no record identifiable with FRANK C. OSMERS. (u)

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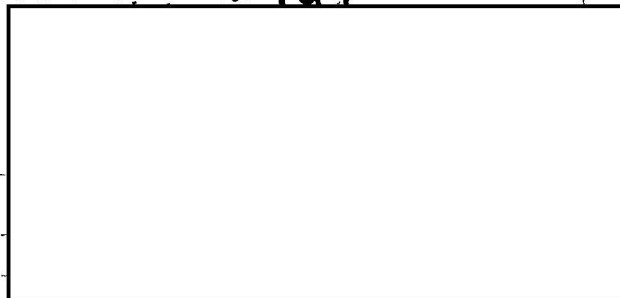
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144-37 Barclay Avenue
Flushing, New York

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On July 7, 1961, Mr. EDWARD J. WALSH, 144-41 Barclay Avenue, advised SA [redacted] that he has resided at this address for the past 64 years. He could not recall the appointee as a resident of the neighborhood and stated that a LOWRY family had occupied the residence at 144-37 Barclay Avenue and one of the sons in this family is a Dr. LOWRY who resides in Flushing, New York. He stated there were several children in the family; however, he was not well acquainted with the family and could not comment specifically concerning them. He stated they were decent, industrious and reputable people and there was never any reason to question the loyalty of any member of the family. (u)

On July 6, 1961, the following individuals were contacted and stated that they were not residing in this area at the time of the appointee's residence and were not acquainted with him. (u)



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Title:

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS

Synopsis:

FBI Laboratory examination concludes that signature on 1941 CPNP not written by the writer of WILLIAMS signatures obtained from Board of Elections.

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Miscellaneous

On July 18, 1961, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory advised that the signature of one FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, 301 West 129th Street, appearing on page 554 of 1941 Communist Party Nominating Petition for candidate CARL BRODSKY was compared with photographs of signatures obtained from the Board of Elections, Brooklyn, New York, for FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the years 1941, 1945, and 1946. It was concluded that the signature on the petition was not written by the author of the Board of Elections signatures.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED SEVEN TWENTY-ONE
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STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION
OF WILLIAMS BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE AS HE IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR
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PEACE CORPS OFFICIAL SINCE APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE.

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(AMBASSADORS)

WASHINGTON--THE SENATE TODAY UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED THE APPOINTMENTS OF THREE NEW AMBASSADORS TO AFRICAN REPUBLICS AND A FORMER PEACE CORPS OFFICIAL TO THE U.N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

THE AMBASSADORS ARE MERCER COOK OF ILLINOIS TO BE AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL, ROBERT J. RYAN OF MASSACHUSETTS TO BE AMBASSADOR TO NIGER, AND CLINTON E. KNOX OF NEW YORK TO BE AMBASSADOR TO DAHOMEY.

FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS OF CALIFORNIA, PRESENTLY REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA IN THE PEACE CORPS, WAS CONFIRMED AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

KNOX, COOK AND WILLIAMS ARE NEGROES.

KNOX AND RYAN ARE CAREER DIPLOMATS. COOK WAS A PROFESSOR OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES BEFORE BEING APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO NIGER IN 1961 BY THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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WASHINGTON--THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED TWO APPOINTMENTS TO THE U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INFORMATION.

THEY WERE MRS. DOROTHY B. CHANDLER OF THE TIMES MIRROR COMPANY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; AND FRANK STANTON OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM.

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A8 Monday, July 22, 1963 THE WASHINGTON POST

Peace Corps' Africa Director Sees Negro Ties Developing

By William J. Raspberry
 Staff Reporter

Franklin H. Williams, new Peace Corps director for Africa, believes American Negroes and Africans are developing a sense of oneness that has eluded them since the days of American slavery.

The rising tide of African nationalism, he feels, is giving the Negro a real sense of pride in his African heritage, while Africans, enthralled by the intensified civil rights struggle here, are starting more and

more to identify with American Negroes.

Williams, former head of the Peace Corps' Division of University, Private and International Cooperation, assumed his new post last week, shortly after returning from an African tour with R. Sargent Shriver, Peace Corps director.

He was an Assistant Attorney General in California and had worked for 16 years as an NAACP counsel when he accepted Shriver's invitation to join the Peace Corps staff two years ago. In his new assign-

ment, he will be responsible for the development, supervision and administration of all Peace Corps programs in Africa.

His interest in African affairs dates back to his student days at Lincoln (Pa.) University where he and Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana were fellow officers on the school's philosophy club.

Williams, a Negro, came to Washington in 1960 to apply for a position on the legal staff of the State Department's African Division. While here, he met Shriver and was persuaded to quit the California Attorney General's office to join the Corps as special assistant for United Nations and international agency programs.

A former secretary-counsel for the NAACP, he frequently gives lectures on civil rights to Peace Corps trainees. "Fortunately or unfortunately, there's not much we can tell them to say about segregation and discrimination here," he said. "We do insist that they learn the hard facts of our racial problems but we don't encourage them to proselytize—in fact, we forbid it. The Peace Corps is not an instrument of the Cold War."



The Washington Post
FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS
 ... Peace Corps aide

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"Corpsmen can do a lot to
 sell democracy just by their
 work and their attitudes," he
 said. "We don't insist that
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 party line, and in that, we're
 doing something the Com-
 munist can't afford to do,"
 he added.

Williams, who has pleaded
 civil rights cases before the
 U. S. Supreme Court, said he
 is confident that this session
 of Congress will pass a "sub-
 stantial" civil rights bill. He
 added that a law that does not
 ban discrimination in public
 accommodations could not be
 considered "substantial."

He believes the mass civil
 rights demonstration planned
 here for later this month will
 help to secure passage of
 President Kennedy's bill.
 Without the background of
 previous demonstrations, he
 feels, such a bill would stand
 no chance of passage, even
 with all-out Administration
 backing.

Williams, a native of New
 York, is married and the fa-
 ther of two teen-age sons. The
 family lives at 1601 Kalmia
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USA
FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS

MEMBER OF AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION

The captioned individual may be identical with Franklin Hall Williams who was the subject of applicant-type investigations conducted by the FBI in 1961 and in 1964. A summary memorandum dated July 29, 1964, which contained the results of those investigations, was furnished to the White House. Attached is a copy of that summary memorandum.

Enclosure

NOTE: Per request of White House Staff.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *fd* SAC, Philadelphia (161-158) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS;
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Re Bureau teletype to Washington Field, dated 7/7/64.

Referenced Bureau teletype is a duplicate request. All necessary investigation at Philadelphia was covered in the report of Special Agent PAUL W. NOLAN, dated 7/3/61, at Philadelphia, captioned "FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS; SPECIAL INQUIRY - PEACE CORPS." Philadelphia indices are negative regarding FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (161-181) (RUC)

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS,
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Rerep SA DONALD W. KUNO, 6/30/61, SF.

Rerep indicates that Applicant and his family moved from California to Washington, D.C. in June, 1961. There is no indication that he has returned to San Francisco since that time. As Applicant's residence and employment in the San Francisco Division has been covered in rerep, no investigation is being conducted and no report is being submitted UACB.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/14/64

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FROM : SAC, EL PASO (161-12) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Buded 7/21/64

Re Bureau teletype to WFO and other offices
dated 7/7/64; report of SA [redacted] dated
7/11/61 at El Paso which report is captioned "FRANKLIN
HALL WILLIAMS, Special Inquiry - Peace Corps", Bufile 161-749.

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For the information of the Bureau there is
no investigation to be conducted in this matter within
the El Paso Office that has not already been set forth
in referenced El Paso report.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY kb b6 b7C
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REFERENCES

Report of SA JOSEPH P. FINNEGAN, 7/20/61, at NY.
Bureau teletype, 7/7/64.

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With exception of information set forth in details, all necessary investigation at NYO set forth in previous SPI reports in instant case.

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Title:

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

No credit or arrest record located for
appointee's brothers at NYC. Residence of ARTHUR L.
WILLIAMS and [REDACTED] verified.

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Credit

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised IC JOHN M. DUNAY on July 14, 1964, that the records of the Credit Bureau contain no information identifiable with the appointee's brothers, [redacted] and ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS.

Arrest

On July 10 and 13, 1964, SA AUGUST J. MICEK caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by Deputy [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; Patrolman [redacted] Information Unit; Sergeant [redacted] Old Record Room (all of the above of the New York City Police Department); and [redacted] [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Criminal Court of the City of New York.

These records contained no information identifiable with the appointee's brothers.

Miscellaneous

On July 13, 1964, [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised SA AUGUST J. MICEK that his files contain no information identifiable with the appointee's brothers.

On July 9, 1964, [redacted] [redacted] advised that she is the [redacted] of the appointee and that she and her husband have been residing here for a number of years. She stated that the appointee's other brother, ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS, still resides at 2235 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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Date: 7/16/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (161-316) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS
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Re Baltimore airtel to El Paso 6/29/61, Baltimore
report of IC [redacted] 6/29/61 and Bureau tel to
WFO 7/7/64.

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Appointee's G-2 file, X1562074, USACRF. Fort
Holabird, made available by the CO, Colonel [redacted]
[redacted] reviewed on 7/16/64 by IC [redacted]

This file fails to reflect any pertinent information
in addition to that set forth in re Baltimore airtel and
report dated 6/29/61. Inasmuch as no additional information
is contained in appointee's G-2 file, Baltimore is setting forth
no leads and submitting no report, UACB.

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FROM CHICAGO (161-NEW) (RUC)

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS; SPI.

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DEAN ON JULY TWENTY INSTANT THAT A REVIEW OF ABA MEMBERSHIP
AND GRIEVANCE FILES SHOWS NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH
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NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS		REPORT MADE BY MAURICE G. AUSTIN	TYPED BY llr
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It is to be noted that a letter to the above effect dated 8/23/62, re FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, was sent to the State Department, and this letter was contained in the appointee's State Department security file. (u)

The above is not being incorporated in the details of this report. (u)

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Will report results of agency check at CIA when received. (u)

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Report of: MAURICE G. AUSTIN
Date: 7/21/64

Office: Washington, D. C.

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Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis:

Employment and neighborhood satisfactory. No local credit or police record re appointee and spouse. CSC, HCUA no additional pertinent information. No identifiable information OSIAT. Secret Service no record. State and Peace Corps security files no additional pertinent information. Appointee member in good standing of Bar Admissions, U. S. Supreme Court, and no record other local bar associations. Passport set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENT

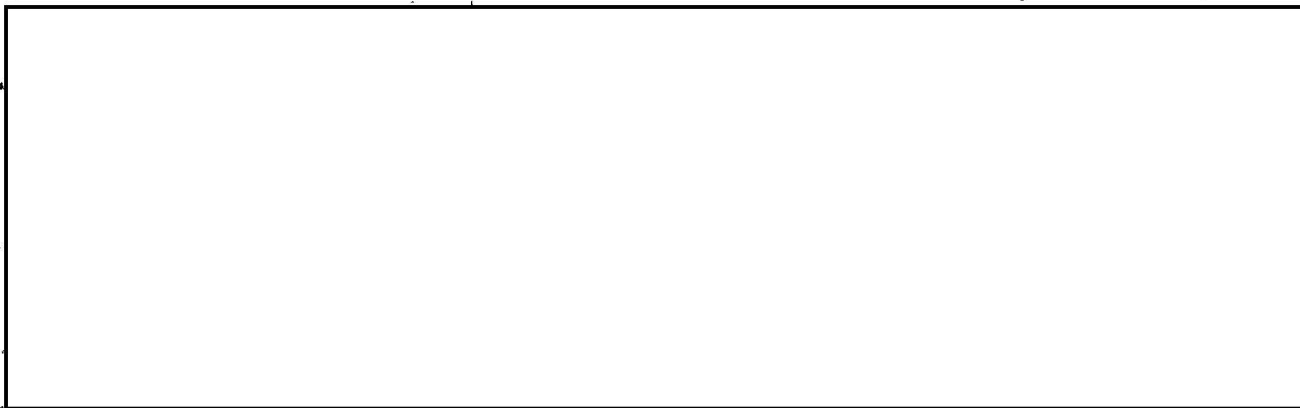
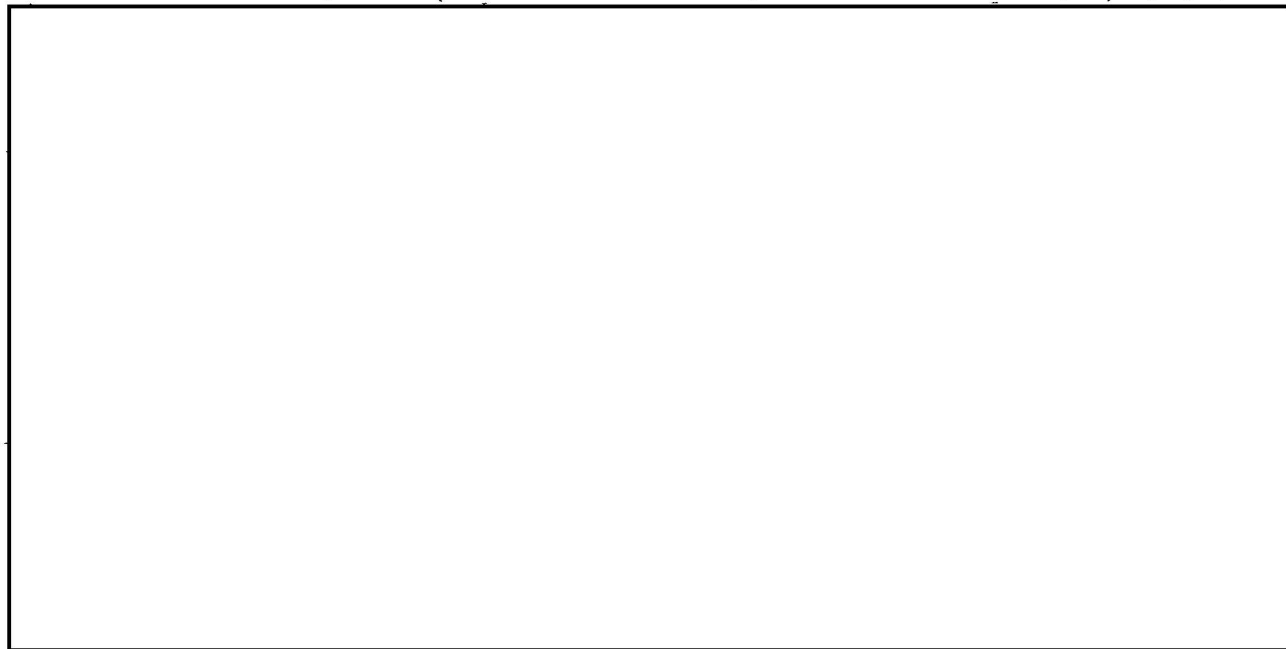
On July 15, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] The White House Office, advised SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS there was no record for the appointee and no knowledge of a pending appointment for the appointee.

The following investigation at the United States Peace Corps was conducted by SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR., on July 15, 1964:

The appointee's official personnel file at the Personnel Office, Peace Corps, was reviewed and the following information was noted:

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Referral/Consult



The following investigation was conducted by
SA DONEGAN on July 16, 1964:

Referral/Consult

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[redacted] Office of
Program Development and Operations (PDO), Peace Corps,
advised the appointee was closely associated with him during
the entire period the appointee was in the Peace Corps. He
stated he also knows the appointee well personally. He
stated he has a high regard for the appointee both profession-
ally and personally, and considers the appointee to be a very

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capable and fine person. He stated he did not have any question regarding the appointee's character, loyalty, associates or reputation, and he recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] PDO, advised he has had a great deal of professional contact with the appointee since the Spring of 1962. [redacted] stated that the appointee is very well regarded in the Peace Corps, and in [redacted] opinion is a very capable and articulate individual who believes strongly in human rights and will do an excellent job for the United States in his new position with the United Nations. [redacted] stated he did not know of any reason to question the appointee's character, loyalty, associates or reputation, and he highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] PDO, advised he has known the appointee well since early 1961 and had a great deal of working, social and political contact with the appointee. [redacted] stated the appointee is a first-class fellow who is very able, hard working and dedicated. He stated he would have no question regarding the appointee's character, loyalty, associates or reputation, and he recommended the appointee without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] Africa Regional Office (AF), PDO, advised he worked under the appointee as the [redacted]

[redacted] and also knows the appointee socially. He stated he considers the appointee to be a man of high character, loyalty, and complete devotion and dedication. He stated the appointee is very capable, and is a resourceful man with boundless energy and strong leadership qualities. He stated he did not know of any adverse information regarding the appointee's character, loyalty, associates or reputation, and he recommended the appointee without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] East Africa Division, AF, advised she has worked under the appointee for the past year. She stated she considers the appointee to be a very fine person and a very capable man. She stated she did not have any question regarding the appointee's character, loyalty, associates or reputation, and she recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] West Africa Division, AF, advised she has worked under the appointee and also has known him socially since September, 1961. She stated the appointee is a very capable, hard working and enthusiastic person who should be a great asset to the United States in his new position. She gave substantially the same information as given by [redacted] and she recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

NEIGHBORHOOD

The following neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 1601 Kalmia Road, N.W., was conducted on July 15, 1964:

[redacted], advised she has known the appointee and his family casually as neighbors since they moved into their new home at 1601 Kalmia Road, N.W., in about July or August, 1961. She commented favorably regarding their character, loyalty, associates and reputation, and she recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] and [redacted] both advised they did not know the appointee.

[redacted], advised he has known the appointee and his family casually as neighbors since 1961. He stated that he has met the appointee socially

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at a neighborhood Christmas party given by [REDACTED]. He stated that his son and the appointee's son also attend high school together. He stated that the appointee and his family are very fine neighbors and he commented favorably regarding their character, loyalty, associates and reputation. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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[REDACTED] advised that the appointee [REDACTED] at 1601 Kalmia Road, N.W., since July, 1961. He stated that he knew the appointee in New York and California when they were both co-workers at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He stated he has known the appointee and his family professionally and socially since that time, and also as neighbors. He stated that the appointee left on July 11, 1964, for Geneva, on his new assignment, and his family still resides [REDACTED]. He commented favorable regarding the appointee's character, loyalty, associates and reputation, and he recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

On July 10, 1964, IC [REDACTED] reviewed the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, regarding the appointee and his spouse, [REDACTED] and no credit rating was noted. ✓

On July 10, 1964, SE [REDACTED] determined that there was no record contained in the files of the Metropolitan Police Department regarding the appointee and his spouse; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review. ✓

On July 10, 1964, IC [REDACTED] searched the files of the United States Park Police regarding the appointee and his spouse, and no record was located. ✓

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MISCELLANEOUS

On July 13, 1964, IC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, regarding the appointee, and no additional pertinent information was noted. *IC*

On July 13, 1964, IC [] reviewed the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding the appointee, and no additional pertinent information was noted. *How*

On July 14, 1964, IC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, regarding the appointee, and no identifiable information was noted. *OSI*

On July 20, 1961, SA DONEGAN caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, regarding the appointee, and no record was located. *OKS*

On July 9, 1964, the appointee's Agency for International Development and State Security files were reviewed at the Office of Security, Department of State, and no additional pertinent information was noted. *After*

On July 14, 1964, SA [] determined there was no record for the appointee at the Federal Bar Association, Bar Association for the District of Columbia, Lawyers Register, and Committee on Admissions and Grievances, United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

On July 14, 1964, [] Bar Admissions, United States Supreme Court, advised SA [] the appointee was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court on January 31, 1949, and is a member in good standing.

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On July 15, 1964, IC [REDACTED] reviewed the appointee's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, which listed his birth as October 22, 1917, at Flushing, New York.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. SLATTERY	TYPED BY cgk
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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Date: 7/22/64

Office: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Field Office File No.: 161-181

Bureau File No.:

Title: FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

WILLIAMS is currently an inactive member of State Bar of California and in good standing.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIAb6
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[redacted] State Bar of California, on July 22, 1964, advised that her records disclose that FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS, born October 27, 1917, at Flushing, New York, was admitted to practice law in California on February 11, 1953. At that time, his address was 101 Post Street, Suite 607. His current address is shown as 1601 Kalmia Road, Washington, D. C. The records disclosed that WILLIAMS became inactive as of January 1, 1962, but that he is in good standing.

[redacted] State Bar of California, has previously advised that records of grievances which may have been filed against attorneys are not available to outside agencies without written permission of the attorney involved.

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Office: New York, New York

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Title:

FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee's admittance to the New York State
Bar verified. No record located for appointee at Grievance
Committee.

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DETAILS:

Law Associations

Second Judicial Department

On July 23, 1964, [redacted] Court Clerk, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised IC [redacted] that the applicant was admitted to practice in the Second Department on December 19, 1945, and is a member in good standing.

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Association of the Bar

On July 23, 1964, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street, New York, New York, advised IC [redacted] that he could locate no record of membership concerning the applicant.

On July 23, 1964, [redacted] Grievance Committee, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street, New York, New York, advised IC [redacted] that he could locate no record of grievances concerning the applicant.

Brooklyn Bar Association

On July 23, 1964, [redacted] Brooklyn Bar Association, 123 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised IC [redacted] that he could locate no record of membership concerning the applicant.

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SA [REDACTED], caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency, and was advised on July 21, 1964, that the files contained no pertinent identifiable information concerning the appointee.

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NOTE: Request received 7-7-64 by letter of 7-6-64 from State Department. Williams, aged 46, on 6-26-64 was appointed U. S. Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Appointment confirmed by Senate 7-8-64. He was investigated for Peace Corps 1961. / He is nephew of deceased former Special Agent James E. Amos. From 1961 to his current assignment with United Nations, he served in official capacities in Peace Corps and was Sargent Shriver's Special Assistant. In 1946 Williams was connected with the American Veterans Committee and he was active in National Lawyers' Guild in late 1940s, New York City. He was active in affairs of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is regarded as anticommunist and persons interviewed in previous and current investigations spoke highly of him and recommended him.

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FRANKLIN HALL WILLIAMS

An applicant-type investigation was conducted regarding Mr. Williams in 1931. This summary memorandum contains the results of that investigation as well as the results of the current inquiries concerning him.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Birth

Mr. Williams was born on October 22, 1917, in Flushing, New York.

Education

He attended Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, from September, 1937, to June, 1941, receiving an A.B. degree, cum laude.

Mr. Williams attended Fordham University Law School, New York City, from September, 1941, to April, 1942, and from February, 1944, to September, 1945, receiving an LL.B. degree.

Employment

He was reportedly employed by Frank C. Osmers, New York City, during the Summer of 1930. No record could be located with which to verify this employment.

Mr. Williams was employed by the New York Urban League, New York City, as a counselor at Camp Urban, Peekskill, New York, during the Summer of 1934 and at Camp Farley, Poughkeepsie, New York, during the Summer of 1935.

He was reportedly employed as a kitchen helper by St. H. Kress and Company, New York City, from 1935 to 1936 and during the Summers of 1938 and 1939. No

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records could be located with which to verify this employment.

Mr. Williams was reportedly employed by the Palace Chow Mein Company, New York City, as a chauffeur from June, 1936, to September, 1937. This firm is no longer in business and no records could be located regarding the foregoing employment.

While attending Lincoln University from 1937 to 1941 Mr. Williams was reportedly employed in a clerical capacity by Professor H. F. Grimm. It has been ascertained that Professor H. F. Grimm is deceased and no information could be located concerning the above employment.

During the Summer of 1940 Mr. Williams was employed as a counselor by the New York City Mission Society at Camp Minesink, Port Jervis, New York.

He was employed during the Summer of 1941 as a bellboy by the Warden Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Mr. Williams was reportedly employed by [redacted] in New York City as an assistant steward on a part-time basis from 1941 to 1942. No record could be located with which to verify this employment.

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From September, 1941, to May, 1942, Mr. Williams was employed by Ruth W. Whaley, attorney, New York City, as a law clerk.

He was employed by the National Distillers and Chemical Corporation, New York City, from February, 1944, to May, 1944, as a messenger, part time.

He was employed from April, 1944, to October, 1945, by [redacted] attorney, New York City, as a law clerk.

From October, 1945, to November, 1945, he was employed as a law clerk by [redacted] attorney, New York City.

From October, 1945, to October, 1950, Mr. Williams was employed by the National Association for the Advancement of

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Colored People (NAACP) in New York City as a member of the legal staff.

He was employed by the NAACP in San Francisco, California, from October, 1950, to October, 1959, as the West Coast Regional Secretary and Counsel.

During the period 1957 to 1959 Mr. Williams was engaged in the practice of law in San Francisco, California, and he was a member of the law firm Dominguez, Haet and Williams.

From October, 1959, to April, 1961, Mr. Williams was employed as Assistant Attorney General in the Fair Employment Practices Division of the State of California, San Francisco, California.

On April 10, 1961, he was appointed a consultant in the Office of Program Development and Operations, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C. On October 12, 1961, he was appointed Chief of the United Nations and International Agency Programs and Special Assistant to the Director of the Peace Corps. He was appointed Chief of the Division of Private Organizations on May 31, 1962, and on July 14, 1963, he was named Director of the Division of University Private and International Cooperation. Mr. Williams was appointed Director, Regional Office for Africa, Office of Program Development and Operations, on September 15, 1963. He served in this position until July 9, 1964.

On June 26, 1964, Mr. Williams was nominated for the position of United States Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. His nomination was confirmed by the United States Senate on July 8, 1964, and he took the oath of office for the above position on July 10, 1964.

Military Service

Mr. Williams was inducted into the United States Army on May 8, 1942, and he entered on active duty on the same date. He was honorably discharged on November 19, 1943, as a private while a patient at the William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas. He was under treatment at that

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hospital for 285 days. He was issued a Certificate of Disability for Discharge due to physical disability. His service record shows he was "unfit for service because of other diseases of the respiratory system, pulmonary fibrosis, manifested by X-ray evidence and dyspnea, type and cause undetermined." It was stated further in the record that Mr. Williams' disability was believed to be permanent. His service file contains no additional pertinent information.

Marital Status

Mr. Williams is married to the former [redacted]
[redacted] They and their two children, [redacted]
[redacted] reside at 1601 Kalmia Road, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

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II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

Interviews

May Chinn, H.D., interviewed in New York City during the 1961 investigation advised she had been acquainted with Mr. Williams during his entire life. She mentioned she was Mr. Williams' godmother. She also mentioned that Mr. Williams' mother died when Mr. Williams was about one year old and that subsequently Mr. Williams resided with his maternal relatives. She said Mr. Williams was always a persevering young man, and at an early age he became employed and saved his money in order to defray his college education expenses. She described Mr. Williams as an intelligent, resourceful, reliable and trustworthy person of exemplary character and conduct. She stated there was no question regarding his loyalty to the United States and his complete opposition to communism.

Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dr. May Chinn was a member of the Negro Labor Victory Committee as of August 19, 1944, and she was a guest lecturer at the George Washington Carver School, New York City, during the winter term of 1944.

The Negro Labor Victory Committee and the George Washington Carver School have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] NAACP, interviewed during the 1961 investigation in New York City, stated he had been acquainted with Mr. Williams since 1945 in connection with Mr. Williams' employment with the NAACP. He described Mr. Williams as a capable, conscientious, intelligent and industrious young man, who was imaginative, energetic and personable. He stated there was never any question regarding his reputation or loyalty to the United States and he was "genuinely interested in his work, home and his family." He recommended Mr. Williams for a Federal appointment.

[redacted] stated he had heard of Mr. Williams' activities in the American Veterans Committee (AVC) particularly his work against the attempts of the "Leftist elements," who sought to control the AVC. He stated that it was through Mr. Williams' efforts that the NAACP was able to stop the "Leftist elements" in their attempts to penetrate the NAACP.

On a background data form prepared by Mr. Williams in 1961 he indicated he was Area President of the AVC from 1945 to 1948. It has been ascertained that Mr. Williams was Chairman of the AVC Metropolitan (New York City) Area Council in 1947.

With reference to the American Veterans Committee, informants who have furnished reliable information in the past reported that several chapters of this organization were heavily dominated by communists shortly after its formation in 1946, particularly in the New York City area. In 1950 the American Veterans Committee adopted a resolution directed against the communists and specifically forbade communists to be members of the organization.

[redacted] interviewed during the 1961 investigation at which time [redacted]

[redacted] stated he had known Mr. Williams for over twenty years. He was also acquainted with Mr. Williams' brother, Arthur who resided [redacted]

[redacted] He stated Mr. Williams and his relatives were persons of good character, reputation and associates, and they were loyal American citizens. He highly

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recommended Mr. Williams for appointment to a position with the Federal Government.

Stanley Mosk was interviewed during the 1961 investigation in San Francisco, California, at which time he was the Attorney General for the State of California. He stated he had known Mr. Williams since 1957 and in October, 1959, he appointed Mr. Williams to the position of Assistant Attorney General in the Fair Employment Practices Division of the State of California. He described Mr. Williams as a brilliant, articulate, knowledgeable and conscientious person. He said he was given no reason to question Mr. Williams' loyalty to the United States.

[redacted] Office of Program Development and Operations, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C., interviewed during the current inquiries advised he was closely associated with Mr. Williams during the latter's entire association with the Peace Corps. He stated he has a high regard for Mr. Williams, both professionally and personally, and he stated he considers Mr. Williams a very capable and fine person. He said he has been given no reason to question Mr. Williams' character, reputation, loyalty or associates, and he recommended Mr. Williams for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] Regional Office for Africa, Office of Program Development and Operations, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C., interviewed during the current inquiries, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Williams on a social and professional basis since 1962. He said he regards Mr. Williams as a person of high character, who is completely dedicated to his work. Mr. Williams, he stated, is a very capable and resourceful individual who has boundless energy and strong leadership qualities. He stated no information of an adverse nature has been brought to his attention regarding Mr. Williams' character, reputation, loyalty or associates. He recommended Mr. Williams without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

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Forty additional persons, comprising social and professional acquaintances, present and former co-workers and supervisors, references and neighbors, were interviewed during the investigations. They furnished favorable comments regarding Mr. Williams' character, reputation, loyalty and associates. His professional acquaintances stated he is an aggressive, capable and highly intelligent person. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence. Persons acquainted with his close relatives stated they are reputable individuals and their loyalty to the United States is above question.

Close Relatives

Father, Arthur L. Williams, deceased;
Mother, Alinda Theresa Williams, nee Lowry,
deceased;
Brother, [REDACTED]
Brother, Arthur L. Williams, New York City.

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information regarding Mr. Williams or his close relatives.

Bar Affiliations

Mr. Williams was admitted to practice law in the State of New York on December 11, 1945, and in the State of California on February 11, 1953. He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court on January 31, 1949. No grievances have been filed against him.

Passport Record

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, show that Mr. Williams was issued a passport on April 14, 1961, for travel to Africa and Asia in behalf of the Government. This passport has been revalidated several times for travel to various countries of the world in behalf of the Government. The records of the Passport

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Office contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Williams.

Agency Checks

There is either no record or no additional pertinent information regarding Mr. Williams in the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; the House Committee on Un-American Activities; the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force; the Office of Security, Department of State; or G-2, United States Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland.

Miscellaneous

Volume V, Book VII, of the July, 1947, issue of the "New York Guild Lawyer," a publication of the National Lawyers' Guild (NLG) in New York City sets forth the names of the newly elected officers and directors of the New York City Chapter of the NLG for the years 1947 and 1948. The names Franklin Williams is listed as having been elected to the Board of Directors of the above chapter. (100-353587-23, pg. 1)

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In December, 1949, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Franklin H. Williams, 20 West 40th Street, New York City (NAACP headquarters office), was a member of the NLG.

The NLG has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front organization.

During the investigations information was obtained that Mr. Williams over the years has displayed a proven anti-communist attitude and he successfully thwarted many of the Communist Party aims and policies in connection with Negroes, especially in northern California.

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An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [redacted]

[redacted] advised in February, 1959, that Communist Party members in the San Francisco, California, area had always believed that there was nothing that could

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be done with the NAACP mainly because of Mr. Williams. (d)(u)

Other informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who have a knowledge of communist activities in the appropriate areas, advised that no information came to their attention indicating that Mr. Williams was a member of the Communist Party or in sympathy with subversive organizations. (u)

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information regarding Mr. Williams. (u)

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August 6, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable [redacted]
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

By letter dated July 29, 1964, you were furnished a summary memorandum containing the results of an investigation regarding Mr. Franklin Hall Williams.

There is no pertinent identifiable information regarding Mr. Williams in the files of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The above information is being furnished also to the Secretary of State and concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Summary

Franklin H. Williams

An applicant-type investigation was conducted by the FBI in 1961 and additional inquiries were conducted in 1964 concerning Franklin Hall Williams, results of which were furnished to the White House. For detailed results of the investigations, you are referred to the Office of the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, attention Mrs. Mildred Stegall.

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Note: Investigation disclosed that Williams was active in the National Lawyers Guild in the late 1940s.

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Former N.A.A.C.P. Chief Says 'Movement Is Dead'

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters)—Franklin H. Williams, a prominent Negro leader and former United States Ambassador to Ghana, said that "the civil rights movement is dead" and black power has taken its place in America.

Mr. Williams, director of the Columbia University Center for Urban Affairs, asserted that the civil rights movement had failed to meet the demands of American Negroes, especially in the big cities.

He said that the once-dominant movement brought progress for black people. "But measuring where we are, and where we ought to be, we've hardly moved," he said.

Mr. Williams, a former top official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said: "The 10 to 11 per cent [Negro] minority is now insisting on real participation in the richness of America, and with it a measure of self-determination."

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WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS ACCEPTED "WITH REGRET" THE RESIGNATION OF FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, AMBASSADOR TO GHANA AND ONE OF THE HIGHEST RANKING NEGROES IN THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY.

PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE CHRISTIAN SAID WILLIAMS WOULD BE LEAVING THE FOREIGN SERVICE AS OF JUNE 1.

WILLIAMS, A CLASSMATE OF DEPOSED GHANAIAN PRESIDENT KWAME NKRUMAH, WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO GHANA IN 1965 WHILE NKRUMAH WAS STILL PRESIDENT. HE REMAINED IN ACCRA AFTER THE GOVERNMENT WAS TAKEN OVER BY ARMY AND POLICE OFFICERS IN FEBRUARY OF 1966.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT WILLIAMS WOULD BECOME DIRECTOR OF A NEWLY ESTABLISHED CENTER ON URBAN AFFAIRS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT -
FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS

Reference your memorandum of August 4th, with
enclosure, captioned as above.

The investigations referred to by Mr. Williams are all
closed and are entitled, respectively, as follows:

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Copies of all pertinent reports in each of these investigations
have been furnished to the Department.

For your additional information, Mr. Williams may be
identical with Franklin Hall Williams, former official in the National
Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Assistant Attorney

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NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop memo dated 8/12/71, captioned
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The Deputy Attorney General
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General of the State of California, Special Assistant to the Director of the Peace Corps, and United States Ambassador to Ghana.

The Phelps-Stokes Fund reportedly was established in 1911 for the improvement of tenement housing in New York City and for the education of disadvantaged persons. In 1952 a witness, in testimony before a committee of the House of Representatives, stated that for a time prior to the divorce of Mrs. Rose Stokes, an alleged "Charter member of the party," communists obtained money from the Fund through Mrs. Stokes.

This Bureau strongly opposes making available documents from any of its investigations, particularly in the indiscriminate manner suggested by the far-ranging request submitted by Mr. Williams. To accede to such a request would set a dangerous precedent ultimately leading to a wholesale public rummage through FBI files. It would appear that the information requested by Williams is exempt from the provisions of the Act because it represents investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes. Accordingly, it is recommended that Williams' request be denied.